

WEATHER FORECAST

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CANADA AIDS U.S. IN LIQUOR FIGHT

IS AGREEABLE TO TEST STATUS IN COURTS HERE

Alderman-elect H. O. Litchfield Says He is Ready For Anything

City Itself in Doubt Whether to Pursue Matter Further or Not

That he was quite ready to fall in with any suggestion put forward by the city to secure a definition of his status on the 1927 council that will remain unchallenged, was stated by Alderman-elect H. O. Litchfield to The Times to-day.

If this should take the form of a test case to secure a judge's ruling on the point or any other method, Mr. Litchfield said he would work in with any arrangements advanced. Meanwhile, he said, he will take the oath of office on Friday morning. There are already two legal opinions to the effect that his candidature is in order.

In the absence of Mayor Pendray from the City Hall to-day some doubt was expressed as to what action, if any, would be taken. Mayor Pendray left the city yesterday in the belief that the machinery of a test case had already been set in motion.

One view expressed to-day was that the city should take this opportunity of establishing once and for all the qualifications upon which candidates for office may stand. Supporters of this view held that the city should arrange for a friendly suit against Mr. Litchfield, which would be a definite test of the position, with a court ruling to fall back upon at its close. The action might also serve to crystallize opinion as to what the qualifications for city office should be, and might lead to amendments to the existing legislation to clarify the position. It was urged.

Another view was that the city had already two opinions—stating that the 1926 elections were in order and the candidates could be properly seated. It was no responsibility of the city to look into the qualification of a candidate, but his own personal affair, and every candidate was hedged around with personal penalties for an infringement of the law, contended the same group.

The advocates of the test case plan advanced the plea that such a suit taken at this time would settle the question, which is an annual one, and which has occasioned much misunderstanding in the past. That the results of the suit would affirm the 1927 council beyond criticism in the public mind, it was pointed out.

The council is protected by the Municipal Elections Act from the consequences of a vote in which candidates who might be later unseated share by a clause validating business done by a council irrespective of its membership at any time.

A third view expressed was that any candidate who doubted his qualifications for office could arrange to have himself sued in a friendly action without the city taking part in the proceedings. This course was advocated yesterday by Mayor Pendray, shortly before he left for Seattle on business. The decision of what action, if any, the city will take in the matter will be made by the council on Thursday, when legal opinions obtained in this regard will be taken into consideration.

Investigate Prospects For Iron and Steel Industry in B.C.
Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 29.—The Vancouver Daily Province yesterday published the following:
Two directors, representing a powerful English financial house, have left London for Vancouver to investigate the possibility of establishing an iron and steel industry here.

Dal Thomas, who represents the syndicate in this city, has been advised by cablegram of their departure. Early this month he received letters stating that the English house was favorably impressed with the opportunity for building an electrically-operated mill here. It was stated that for two years past experiments had been made, with satisfactory results, on electric treatment of British Columbia iron ore.

NOVA SCOTIA FEELS EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS
Sydney, N.S., Dec. 29.—Many residents of Sydney and North Sydney were awakened by a fairly heavy shock of some kind, which shook buildings and rattled windows and doors at about 12.30 o'clock this morning. No damage was caused by what a later comparison of notes has convinced many people must have been a slight earthquake. The disturbance lasted for several seconds.

NELSON RIDING TO TEST OPINION ON PRIVATE BEER SALE

Interior District to Provide Next Indication of Public Opinion

Vancouver Will Take Big Poll on Same Issue, Prohibitionists Believe

Nelson will be the next electoral riding of British Columbia to vote on the ever-recurring question of beer-by-the-glass.

Following the receipt of a petition from the interior riding in favor of a vote, the Cabinet will order that the necessary arrangements for testing public opinion be carried out shortly.

The Nelson petition contained the required number of names, totaling over thirty-five per cent. of the entire Nelson electorate. All these names have been examined and the petition found to be in order. The date of the plebiscite has not been fixed yet but probably it will be held in January or early in February.

Nelson voted dry by 1,278 to 732 at the general plebiscite of 1924.

VANCOUVER MAY VOTE
Meanwhile Vancouver prohibitionists are confident that they will be able to secure a new plebiscite on the beer question in the Terminal City. They announced that a petition requesting a vote and containing the necessary number of names is almost ready for presentation to the Government.

A plebiscite in Vancouver would be an expensive proceeding, involving the printing of new voters' lists and other costly preliminaries. Probably it would take some time to make all the necessary arrangements.

In the meantime it is expected that the whole question of beer-by-the-glass, together with all other phases of the liquor problem, will be discussed by the Legislature at its coming session.

SOVIET NEEDS FUNDS; CROWN JEWELS TO GO
Collection of \$250,000,000 to be Converted Into Liquid Assets

Moscow, Dec. 29.—Having failed to obtain loans abroad, the Soviet government has determined to convert its \$250,000,000 collection of czarist crowns, sceptres, coronets, necklaces and other bejeweled articles into liquid assets with which to rehabilitate the country's flagging industries.

Supplementing the recent sale of some of the Russian crown jewels to British and United States buyers, the Government yesterday dispatched several million dollars worth of royal and other gems to Gregory Swainson, Soviet financial agent in Berlin. He has been instructed, it is understood, to accept payment either in cash, machinery or goods.

MANITOBA LIQUOR AND IMMIGRATION LAWS BEFORE LEGISLATURE

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—The fifth and final session of the present legislature of Manitoba opened on February 3. It was announced by Premier John Bracken to-day. An imposing legislative programme awaits the consideration of the members, including amendments to the provincial liquor and immigration laws.

Mayors Elected In Ontario
Announcement of mayors-elect in Ontario is made to-day as follows:

MAYORS ELECTED
Brampton—G. H. Thomas.
Cobourg—Harry McGuire.
Dundurn—David Patterson.
Goderich—S. J. McEwan.
Huntsville—H. E. Rice.
Prescott—Dr. W. J. Tauger.
Powness—L. F. Robertson.
Picton—L. F. Fraser.
Warton—C. G. Walker.
Welland—Arthur Gordon.
Aylmer—Dr. H. J. Davis.

REEVES ELECTED
Aylmer—Oscar McKenney.
Cobourg—C. B. Arthart.
Dundurn—W. J. Pomy.
Fergus—J. Moffat.
Maddox—F. Curry.
Marmora—C. B. Arthart.
Orangeville—J. A. Arnett.
Oshawa—L. A. Southwell.
Southampton—J. C. Toimie.
Tweed—S. B. Rollins.
Delhi—W. A. Morgan.
Ripley—D. Munro.
Vienna—J. McAllister.
Christie—H. D. Sward.
Cardinal—W. Walker.

BOYS' OLDER PARLIAMENT IN FOURTH SESSION HERE



—Photo by CHAPMAN.

MAKES RESTITUTION AFTER TEN YEARS

Brilliant Young San Diego Attorney Covers With \$30,000 Draft

Embezzlement Charges Against Him May be Dismissed

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 29.—More than ten years ago Lester Welch, brilliant young San Diego attorney and politician disappeared and with him went \$20,000 that had been entrusted to him by clients. At first it was feared he had been a victim of foul play, but later he was traced to Central America. Complaints charging him with embezzlement of the funds were then issued by the district attorney's office.

Yesterday Attorney James O'Keefe received a draft for \$30,000 representing the embezzled funds and interest from March, 1916, from Welch, transmitted through a friend in an eastern city. With the draft there came a message from Welch, stating that he was sending the money in order that his victims might be reimbursed.

The fifth, a man, is believed to have left San Diego and no trace of him or any relatives can be found. Welch, when he left San Diego, was about thirty years of age and abandoned a wife and young son. They have since left San Diego and are believed to have joined him. O'Keefe to-day refused to tell from what city the \$30,000 draft came or to reveal the name of the friend who acted for Welch.

The embezzlement charges made against Welch will be dismissed within a few days, it is believed.

BARROW TO ATTEND PARLEY IN OKANAGAN VALLEY

Fruit growers' problems will be given a preliminary airing at a meeting of the B.C. Fruit Growers' Association, representing the entire fruit industry, in Kelowna, January 11, under plans announced to-day.

It is planned to move the meeting from Nelson to Kelowna so that it may be held in the centre of the great Okanagan fruit industry. Unless these plans are changed at the last minute the fruit growers will gather at Kelowna and thresh out in detail proposals for the solution of their marketing difficulties.

Hon. E. D. Barrow, Minister of Agriculture, and officials of his Department will attend the meeting to discuss these matters with the growers in preparation for the Legislature's annual session, during which fruit marketing will be one of the chief problems to be solved.

FIVE MEN HURT IN LAUNCH EXPLOSION
Martinez, Cal., Dec. 29.—Five men were burned, two seriously, by the explosion of a gasoline launch, 150 feet off the California Transportation Company's wharf here last night. The launch was destroyed by fire.

HUSBAND AND WIFE HELD FOR STEALING

Two Plead Guilty to Charges; Stole Toys For Children at Christmastide

A man and his wife, imbued with the spirit of Christmas and anxious, despite lack of funds, to give their three little children a happy day, visited a number of city stores on or about December 20, according to information sworn against them, and now await sentence.

Robert Ross and Mrs. Ross, who live in Esquimalt municipality, were jointly charged on five separate counts with petty larceny and shoplifting when arraigned in the city police court to-day.

Both pleaded guilty. They offered no defence, except to give an explanation. They had wanted to give their three children, the youngest of whom is about a year old, a happy Christmas. Among other things they are said to have taken were numerous toys.

His Honor listened to the enumeration of articles allegedly stolen from David Spencer Limited, the Hudson's Bay Company, Woolworth's, the Crystal Garden and William Cathcart's.

He reserved his decision until tomorrow morning.

POINT GREY VOTES ON SPENDING \$425,000

Suggested Cemetery Lands May be Turned Into Golf Course

Vancouver, Dec. 29.—By-laws involving expenditure of \$425,000 were given final approval by Point Grey council, Monday evening, when projects were advanced for purchase of the Valhalla Lands for a municipal golf course at a cost of \$300,000; purchase of an additional Locarno Park for \$75,000, and expenditure of \$50,000 for clearing and grading new roads and lanes within the municipality.

Ratepayers of Point Grey will be given opportunity to express their opinion of all three by-laws, January 15, when, with other measures involving outlays for paving and various other public works, they will be placed before them.

New Investigation of McPherson Case To Open Thursday
Los Angeles, Dec. 29.—The Times says it has learned from an authoritative source that a new grand jury investigation of the Aimee Semple McPherson case will be opened here Thursday morning.

The district attorney's office in a case investigation of the Aimee Semple McPherson disappearance case announced here to-day that the conspiracy hearing of Mrs. McPherson, and co-defendants recently in municipal court "reeled with perjury." These disclosures, it was admitted, throw the whole affair back into the chaos of unsupported evidence which has characterized it from the first.

BOY OF THIRTEEN HANGS HIMSELF

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 29.—A few minutes after he had said goodbye to his mother and grandmother to-day, Henry L. Kornahrens Jr., aged thirteen, was found hanging from the rafters on the back porch of his home, dead from strangulation.

The mother could suggest no possible motive for suicide except that the boy had been chided because he was behind with his arithmetic at school.

MRS. SCOWCROFT DIED LAST EVENING
Wife of City Assessor Had Resided Here 36 Years; Prominent Churchwoman

The ranks of Victoria's old-time residents has again been thinned by the death last evening of Mrs. Sarah Ann Scowcroft, wife of William Scowcroft, city assessor.

Mrs. Scowcroft, who was in her seventy-eighth year, passed away at the family residence, 1034 Queen's Avenue, where she was born in England thirty-six years ago. During practically the whole of that time Mr. Scowcroft has held the position of City Assessor.

A devout churchwoman, Mrs. Scowcroft was during the whole of her life a devoted worker in the cause of missions and other phases of church work. In addition she was for twenty-five years a member of the ladies' committee of the Protestant Orphans' Home, until advancing years, curtailed her activities.

She remains are reposing at the B. C. Funeral Chapel, whence the cortege will proceed on Thursday at 3.15 to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, where Rev. Dr. Gray will conduct the services at 3.30 p.m.

TRAGEDY RECALLED BY BERYL G ARREST

Misfortune Has Followed the Schooner Since Captain and Son Were Killed

Vancouver, Dec. 29.—Shades of dead men were recalled to-day when the auxiliary schooner Beryl G. was arrested in Coal Harbor on a warrant, issued out of Admiralty Court at the suit of Robert McCody and George R. O'Brien, who claim \$960 for board and wages.

Misfortune has followed the Beryl G. since the day, nearly two years ago, when Captain William Gillie and his sixteen-year-old son were killed by "Cannonball" Baker and Harry F. Sowash, liquor pirates, on January 14, last both were hanged in Oakalla jail.

Originally a liquor carrier, the Beryl G. has latterly been engaged in the coastal fishing trade. Captain Gillie's widow claimed the vessel, but ownership has not yet been determined definitely. In the meantime McCody was employed as engineer and O'Brien as seaman. The former claims \$410 and the latter \$280.

FIFTY CRAFTSMEN TO BUILD HEARSE

Musical Attachment on Wheels to Play Funeral Dirges

Four Oxen Draw Japanese Emperor in \$50,000 Vehicle to Grave

Tokio, Dec. 29.—Rintaro Nishimura, whose family for many generations has constructed caskets and hearses for use at imperial funerals, is completing Tokio from Kyoto with fifty master craftsmen to build a hearse which will bear the body of the late Emperor Yoshihito to its grave.

The hearse is to be a picturesque one and will resemble that used for Emperor Meiji in 1912. Shishimura said the hearse would be made of cypress, oak, teakwood and fir, 12 feet high and 2 1/2 feet long. It will have the appearance of a great enclosed cart and will have two wheels, each 5 feet in diameter. In the hubs of the wheels musical attachments will be placed and they will play funeral dirges as the hearse moves. The hearse will cost about \$50,000. It will be drawn by four black and white spotted oxen.

Empress Nagako is slightly ill from a cold and has gone into retirement for several days. The illness is not serious.

WOMAN LOSES LIFE IN OTTAWA BLAZE

Loss of \$55,000 When Five-story Building is Guttled

Quebec, Dec. 29.—Mrs. A. A. Nadeau was burned to death early this morning when fire gutted a five-story brick building on St. John Street, owned by Louis Deschenes. Her body was found in the ruins. She lived in the building. The other women were rescued by firemen.

The ground floor of the building was occupied by Bertrany, French and Italian restaurant. The total loss is about \$55,000.

Mrs. Nadeau was a widow, thirty-five years old and housekeeper of the Berlany rooming house.

CANADA ONE OF MOST DESIRABLE PLACES TO LIVE

Toronto, Dec. 29.—D. J. McDougald, the Canadian National Railways, after an extended tour of the world, has returned to Toronto with the impression that Canada is one of the most desirable countries in which to live.

"I am convinced," he said to-day, "that there is no nation which offers the same inducements."

Speaking of trade conditions, Mr. McDougald said that the most pronounced upward trend was in India, due to a return of tranquillity. China, however, showed marked effects of the civil war.

FAMINE IN PARTS OF CAUCASIAN RUSSIA
Derbent, Caucasian Russia, Dec. 29.—Crop failures, followed by heavy snow, have caused famine over a wide area of Daghestan. Starvation conditions also are affecting the animal life of the district.

GOVERNMENTS TO CO-OPERATE MORE CLOSELY IN EFFORT TO STAMP OUT WHISKY SMUGGLING

Violation of Canadian Law in Alleged Falsifying of Clearance Papers Will Be Watched Under Canada's Treaty With United States; Chris Moeller Case Is But First Step in Campaign Against Rum Smugglers

Termination of the Pacific Coast rum-running industry, which has flourished here ever since the United States went dry, appeared to be in sight to-day, when the Canadian Government announced that it was taking drastic steps to prevent liquor smuggling.

The Treaty between Canada and the United States contains no provision that the Dominion will attempt to prohibit export of liquor to the latter country, says a dispatch from Ottawa. It does provide, however, that the respective Governments shall furnish information in regard to shipment of goods when it is suspected that they are to be smuggled. That provision is now being lived up to. Shipments must be bona fide and their destination declared, and clearances will be refused when it is evident from the size and character of the vessel that she can not make the trip to the designated port.

Seizure of the Chris Moeller's liquor cargo here, it was made plain in Ottawa by Hon. W. D. Euler, Minister of Customs, is only an incident in the Customs Department's campaign to clean up Rum Row.

Enforcement of Mr. Euler's programme, liquor interests realize, would deal their business a body blow and if the campaign were carried far enough would ruin them. While local interest is concentrated on the Chris Moeller case, the rum-running fraternity is looking to Ottawa for the next move to halt its operations, and this move will not be long in coming, according to Ottawa advice.

UNLOADING MOELLER
Meanwhile the Customs Department's preliminary attack on the liquor traffic proceeded at Orford Point Piers when unloading of the Chris Moeller's bottled cargo got under way. No move will be made by the Customs to take the cargo to the Refinerie, to prevent the liquor being taken off the ship and kept in the hands of the Customs Department. Stuart Henderson, counsel for the liquor interests, stated to-day. No court action, he said, is contemplated at this time, but the fight to save the cargo will go on later. What form this fight will take Mr. Henderson refused to disclose, but indicated that when the Customs Commission, which recommended the tying up of the famous rum runner, comes to the Coast again, the liquor cargo will be the case. Beyond that Mr. Henderson would not discuss the matter.

NEW RULES DRAFTED
The Customs Department has laid down hard-and-fast rules to prevent the future violation of Canadian customs regulations by rum runners. Mr. Euler said in a statement given out in Ottawa. Ships clearing from Canada with cargoes of liquor must prove beyond doubt that their cargo has been landed at the port for which clearance was granted and not in some other port.

Where evidence is available that clearance papers are made out for fictitious trips, the liquor cargo will be seized and declared confiscated as contraband under the Customs Act. (Continued on page 2)

TWENTY-ONE DIE IN BLACK SEA WRECK

Only Passenger Saved Ends Life When Hearing Family Drowned

Paris, Dec. 29.—A telephone message by way of Berlin to The Paris Midt, says the United States steamer Astoria has foundered in the Black Sea near Kavarna, Roumania, with the loss of twenty-one lives.

Only one passenger was saved, a Constantinople teacher, who committed suicide when he learned that his wife and three children had been drowned in the wreck.

Two United States steamers named Astoria are listed in shipping registers. The only United States vessel of that name in European waters, as shown by the records, is a steamer of 1921 tons which arrived at Liverpool on December 3 from Philadelphia.

Boston, Dec. 29.—The American firm that chartered the steamer Astoria, which arrived at Liverpool December 3, to-day asserted that the Astoria could not be the vessel reported sunk in the Black Sea.

The Merrimack Chemical Company, which has the Astoria under charter, announced that the steamer was loading at Fowey, Eng., yesterday. The Astoria is the former German steamer Burlo Bank and was purchased from the Navy by the Richard I. Green Company, of Chelsea.

AUTOS AND BICYCLES DAMAGED BY FIRE IN NORTH VANCOUVER
North Vancouver, Dec. 29.—Eleven automobiles were damaged and the contents of a bicycle shop, valued at several thousand dollars, were completely destroyed by fire which broke out here early to-day.

MURDERER CAPTURED AFTER JAIL BREAK

Got Life Sentence Twenty-three Years Ago For Killing Constable

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Joseph Chartrand, who escaped from the Guelph Reformatory last Monday, was arrested to-day on Queen Street on a charge of theft. He was wearing a suit he made himself out of a blanket stolen from the reformatory. His actions in front of a more aroused suspicion of a policeman and when arrested he had in his possession sixteen watches taken from the store, the window of which he had broken. He told the police that he escaped from the reformatory with the aid of a saw which he made himself from a clock spring.

Chartrand was found guilty twenty-three years ago of the murder of Constable Constable Irwin in Webbwood, in Sudbury. He was sentenced to life imprisonment, but was later changed to life imprisonment.

PACIFIC WAR SCARE SUBJECT OF INQUIRY

U.S. Committee Seeks Report on "Belligerent Attitude of Japan" Few Years Ago

Washington, Dec. 29.—The Pacific "war scare" that flared in the Fall-Doherty trial, has come under inquiry by the House naval committee and Representative McClinton of Oklahoma.

The committee action was taken to-day that Secretary Wilbur had refused to give the committee confidential navy reports bearing on the subject.

Specifically, the Oklahoma representative disclosed, the committee had requested the navy secretary to send it in confidence a report submitted by Admiral Gleaves, while he was commander of the Asiatic fleet dealing with "the belligerent attitude of Japan a few years ago."

The committee action was taken in secret session, during consideration of Chairman Butler's proposal to build a new fleet of light cruisers to bring American naval strength up to a satisfactory ratio with that of Great Britain and Japan.

It was Admiral Gleaves's report that defence counsel in the Fall-Doherty trial sought without success to secure from the navy department in support of the contention that the Pearl Harbor oil contract was entered into by the Doherty oil interests under stress of a national emergency in the Pacific.

U.S. COMMITTEE SEEKS REPORT ON "BELLIGERENT ATTITUDE OF JAPAN" FEW YEARS AGO

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Malkin's Jelly Powder, all flavors, 4 pkts. for.	25c	On 3 lbs. \$1.55
Christmas and New Years Crackers at reduced prices.		Tomato Catsup, Tiger brand, large bottle. 18c
Nice Hard Mixed Candy, per lb.	18c	Shirriff's Orange Mar- malade, glass jar. 19c
Or 2 lbs.	35c	Nice Navel Oranges, per dozen, 60c, 45c and. 30c
All New Mixed Nuts, 2 lbs. for.	45c	New Honey, per comb. 30c
Fancy Jap Oranges, per box.	85c	Swift's Pure Lard, 1-lb. pkt. 20c
Maple Leaf Bread Flour, 49-lb. sack \$2.50		Or 3 lbs. 59c
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HOUSE WEDDING ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Miss Alice M. Williams Be-
comes Bride of Herbert N.
Sheepwash of Pincher Creek

A very pretty wedding was solemnized on the evening of Christmas Day at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. E. Masick, 219 Gorge Road, when the Rev. P. J. Westman united in marriage Alice Myrtle, second daughter of Mrs. Mary Williams and the late J. E. Williams, to Herbert Nathaniel, second son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Sheepwash of Pincher Creek, Alberta, formerly of Victoria.

The bride, dressed in a lovely dress of white and pink lace over pink silk and wearing the conventional veil and orange blossoms, made a charming picture as she entered the drawing-room on the arm of her mother to strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march. Her bouquet was composed of white chrysanthemums and pink carnations with bridal fern, her only ornament being a string of pearls, the gift of the groom.

The bride was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Pearl Williams, youngest sister of the bride, charmingly attired in pale green crepe de Chine trimmed with silver, and Miss Winnifred Sheepwash, similarly attired in cream crepe de Chine trimmed with orchid. Both bridesmaids carried bouquets of white chrysanthemums. The groom was supported by Mr. Robert Williams, brother of the bride. The groom's gifts to the bridesmaids were platinum bar pins and to the best man cuff links of platinum.

During the signing of the register Miss Maybeth Sheepwash sang very sweetly "For My Sweetheart," accompanied by Miss Clara Sheepwash, who also played the wedding march.

After the ceremony the bride and groom were assisted in receiving their guests by the bride's mother, groomed in black lace over mauve satin, and Mrs. Rowley, sister of the groom, dressed in brown satin. A buffet supper was served in the dining-room which was prettily decorated in pink and mauve. A four-tier wedding cake centred the table to the right of which was the groom's cake. A toast to the bride and groom, proposed by the Rev. J. Westman, was heartily responded to.

Immediately after the reception the young couple left for their home on Millgrove Street. Out-of-town guests for the wedding included the Misses Macbeth and Clara Sheepwash of Seattle, Mr. Walter Sheepwash of Britannia Beach and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams of Deerholme.

An interesting feature of the event was the announcement that it was the silver wedding anniversary of the bride's sister, Mrs. Ernest Masick, Rev. C. M. Tall, who performed the ceremony of twenty-five years ago, was present, and Mr. and Mrs. Masick renewed their vows. A recep-

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yes, The Royal Dairy Limited will be delivering ice cream on New Year's Day. Any extract or crushed fruit flavor, including the delicious new "Plum Pudding." Orders taken until 6 o'clock, December 31, Phone 188, 707 West Street.

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Dr. Gillis, dentist, Campbell Building.

New Winter Schedule to Gulf Islands, Effective Monday, November 1. The steamer Otter will leave Belleville Street wharf every Monday and Wednesday at 7:15 a.m. and every Thursday at 8 a.m. for Gulf Island points. Also the Princess Royal from Victoria every Tuesday at 11 a.m., calling at Port Washington, Ganges and Mayne Islands en route to Vancouver.

Travelling to the U.S. Country? Canadian National Railways represent all trans-Atlantic steamship lines. Courteous and careful attention to all bookings.

R.A.O.B., Pride of Victoria Lodge 4567—Regular meeting Thursday, December 30, 7:30 p.m. Special business. All brothers respectfully requested to attend. J. W. Pitney, Sec.

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PETER PAN QUILT CONTEST TO START IN TIMES SATURDAY

Grandmothers, mothers and daughters as well as all the other seamstresses who are looking for a really original New Year's resolution will find a splendid one by deciding to make one of The Times's Peter Pan quilts.

The making of one of these quilts proves a most fascinating occupation and all those who undertake it will have an opportunity of winning the prize which The Times will give for the best-made quilt. The quilt is to be fashioned from blocks like one of the delightful old Colonial ones which adorned our grandmothers' beds, and when completed will display the story of Peter Pan, the boy who never grew up.

The patterns for each block will appear in the magazine section of The Times every Saturday, commencing January 1. There will be twenty blocks in all which, when joined together, make a most attractive Peter Pan quilt for a child's bed.

tion will be held on Tuesday afternoon.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The Troubadours entertained at one of their jolly dances at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club on Monday evening, the party taking the form of a "St. Nick Favor Frolic." Christmas colors of red and green formed the decorative scheme, and to enhance the Christmas spirit the members of Hunt's orchestra were each attired as Santa Claus. During the evening Don Cameron and Hee Goodacre made a spectacular entry in a sleigh drawn by reindeer and distributed appropriate favors to the guests, causing much merriment. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. McGimpsey, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Gladding, Elsie Watts, Beatrice McMillan, Dora Rolia, Thelma Owens, Grace Plimley, Mrs. McFadden, Jean Cotton, Ros Rolia, Mae Dinsdale, Margaret Adam, Janet Pierce, Rena Fleming, Lois Tripp, Marjorie Raymond, Gwen Woods, Pat Tooley, M. Sehl, Gertrude Hicks, Grace Hunter, Jean Moody, Kathleen Bone, Helen Stewart, Fay Forrester, Gwen Spencer, Isabelle Jackson, Faith Monk, Jean Coddington, Olive Acton, Gertrude Hill, Jean MacLaughlin, Margaret Armstrong, Teddy Service, Percy Ditchburn, Helen Catterall, Ina Williamson, Ethel Windau, Eleanor Dinsdale, Gertrude Gosse, Thelma Jones, Marjorie Gates, Betty Savannah, Eleanor Parfitt, Marion Morrison, Messrs. Tom and Bill Georgeson, Douglas McConnan, Tom Wollaston, Eric Jones, Tommy Lampman, Ben McMillan, Scotty and Art Fraser, John Deane, R. E. James, Francis Player, Staff Meldrum, Jack Pitric, Tom Ball, Earl Young, Ross Wilson, Bud Hocking, Irving McDermott, Bill Cross, Jeff Osler, Reg Wenman, Doug Wilkie, Harold Holt, Jack Shade, Tom and Jack Horne, Brian Hunnington, Dave Thompson, Frank Cameron, Ivo Henderson, Leighton McKelving, Dr. Ivo Webster, Bill Newcombe, Don McMurich, Dick Raymond, Aubrey and Charlie Walls, Don McLean, Prescott Moody, Jeff Baskaw, Les Grant, Jim Nesbitt, Ed Mallek, Bob Mitchell, Art Balcom, George and John McFarlane, J. Aldridge, Roy Tebo, Larry Henderson.

Goodwin Defence Committee Makes Appeal For Funds

"I would suggest that the Canadian Legion at Victoria be approached forthwith with a view to raising the funds necessary to supply Goodwin with adequate legal defence in the trial of his case."

Drawing attention to this sentence in a letter from the British Ambassador at Washington to His Excellency the Governor-General, Jack Goodwin Defence Committee urgently appeals for more funds in the fight to save the life of the Victoria ex-serviceman condemned to die by a California Court for a murder of which, after searching investigation, they are convinced he is innocent.

ENDORSED BY LAWYER

The committee's actions are receiving endorsement from many influential sources and a letter from a well-known Victorian, now a lawyer in Los Angeles, urges the committee to raise funds to see them to the British Consulate at San Francisco. The letter, which is private, confirms the committee's action.

The committee appeals to all citizens to disregard the opinions of persons unacquainted with the facts, and urges responsible organizations of all kinds to appoint representatives to serve on the committee.

Cheques should be sent to the Canadian Bank of Commerce for the Philby Goodwin Defence Committee. Subscription lists are also open at the offices of The Colonist and The Times.

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SCHOOL PRINCIPAL WED LAST EVENING

Mr. Arthur Hunkin and Miss Betty Harkness United at First Church

One of the prettiest weddings of the Christmas season was celebrated at the First Presbyterian Church last evening when the pastor, Rev. W. G. Wilson, D.D., united in marriage Miss Betty Harkness, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Harkness of 212 Linden Avenue, and Arthur Hunkin, principal of Victoria West School, and son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hunkin of St. Austell, Cornwall, England.

To the strains of the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin, the bride entered the church escorted by her father. She was a winsome picture in her gown of pale pink georgette trimmed with rhinestones and French rosebuds and wearing a hat of silver cloth and lace. Her bouquet was of Ophelia roses. Miss Greta Kerr, the only attendant, was pretty in Nile green georgette trimmed with cream lace, and a black hat faced with silver. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

Mr. Stanley Hunkin of San Francisco, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. During the signing of the register Mrs. W. H. Wilson sang "Still As The Night."

Following the ceremony at the church there was a reception at the home of the bride's parents, 212 Linden Avenue, at which about two hundred guests were present. The reception-rooms were artistically arranged with hothouse blooms and foliage, the supper table presenting a bridal appearance with vases of pink roses and carnations, the three-tier wedding cake occupied the centre. Mrs. W. H. Wilson and Mrs. P. M. McGregor poured tea, assisting in serving being the Misses Yvonne North, Gwen Rendle, Marjory Sward, Maeford Kerr, Mildred Oliver, Margaret Stewart, Della Fair and Florrie Russell.

Mrs. Harkness received the guests in a handsome gown of black georgette with black satin hat to match.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunkin left by the midnight boat for Vancouver, and after a short honeymoon on the Mainland will return to Victoria to take up their residence at the Hampden Court Apartments. The bride's going-away costume was of grey faille cloth embroidered in blue, and over this she wore a blue needle-point coat trimmed with platinum fur. A small black satin hat with white lace ornament completed her toilette.

GOVERNMENTS TO CO- OPERATE MORE CLOSELY IN EFFORT TO STAMP OUT WHISKY SMUGGLING

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"We have information," said the Minister, "that cargoes are diverted not only from their stated destination into the United States, but also into Canada. We propose to protect the revenue of Canada and to enforce the terms of the treaty with the United States."

Officials of the Customs Department believe they have discovered a method which will absolutely prevent the falsification of certificates and will put an end entirely to the shipment of liquor to the United States. After several weeks of studying the problem presented to them by the Moeller case, Customs Department officials agreed that the course to pursue was to seize the cargo on the ground that false declarations had been made and to return it to the shipper.

The course suggested has been pursued and the vessel was allowed to go, but the cargo is under seizure. **FAR-REACHING RULING**
The ruling, applying to all Canada, is far-reaching in its effect. Nova Scotia has been doing a rushing business in liquor for years, and they leave Nova Scotia one day and return the next, obviously having their liquor on Canadian or U.S. soil, or transferred to vessels anchored in rum row on the New England coast.

A bogus application for clearance cargo with it the chance of the cargo being seized, it is likely that the illicit liquor business will take a rapid slump. The Chris Moeller case was regarded as a test, it is thought by shippers throughout the country, if they still desire to cater to dry U.S. markets they will have to find a new loophole in the law.

Complaint is made that Canada is now policing and disciplining her own citizens for the benefit of the United States—enforcing the Volstead Act, in which the United States failed.

The answer given is that the evidence at the customs probations showed that millions of dollars worth of liquor supposed to have been shipped out of Canada to the United States was actually distributed in Canada and the Government robbed of the excise tax of almost twenty dollars per case.

LEGAL FIGHT AHEAD

Seizure by the customs authorities of the liquor cargo on board the schooner Chris Moeller probably will result in a strenuous legal battle. One of the points that will be emphasized in all probability is that the cargo was on its face an intrajurisdictional shipment from a British to a Mexican port. That being so, the question may arise as to whether or not the cargo is subject to the Canadian customs laws. Strictly speaking, an intrajurisdictional shipment remains in the Dominion not more than thirty days when it proceeds to its declared destination.

In the case of the Chris Moeller cargo it was brought out before the customs officers at Vancouver, and stayed in sufrance warehouse at Vancouver for about four months before it was cleared for San Blas via Victoria.

NEW YORK GUNMEN IN DRUG TRADE WAR

New York, Dec. 28.—Four arrests were made to-day in a police drive to break up a reputed "war" between East Side and West Side gun gangs said to be shooting it out in rivalry for the protection concession from big gambling and drug vending organizations.

The men were charged with shooting and wounding of Albert Levy.

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LITTLE RELIEF COMES TO FLOODED CITIES

Situation Tense Along Tennessee, Cumberland and Ohio Rivers

Six Thousand Driven From Home; Thirteen Lives Lost

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 28.—Little relief was felt over the flood situation in the south, caused by the recent torrential rains, though generally clear skies were forecast for to-day and brought hope to the areas affected.

The situation is most tense along the Tennessee, Cumberland and Ohio Rivers, where more than 6,000 have been driven from their homes as a result of backwaters from the streams. The death toll remained at thirteen to-day, though meagre reports from isolated sections indicated that this toll might be increased when full communications were established again.

Railroad officials would not predict any immediate relief for traffic which has been severed for days. The water, some sections are entirely isolated from rail service and many others were experiencing inconvenience from delayed trains. Several cities have issued appeals for funds with which to carry on relief.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 28.—The most disastrous flood in the history of Nashville was predicted to-day by the local weather bureau.

The Cumberland River, now at 54.4 foot stage and already spread out over a larger portion of the lower part of the town, is expected to reach 58.5 or 60.0 feet, breaking all records.

Sidney

Sidney, Dec. 28.—Masters H. and G. Patterson of Vancouver joined their mother, Mrs. Patterson, in Sidney to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Patterson's mother, Mrs. A. Berquist, Third Street.

Miss M. G. Copthorne, who has been visiting relatives in the East for the last few months, returned to her home at Deep Cove, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Findlay of Duncan are spending the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brethour, Rosedale.

Mrs. R. G. Clark of Shawna Lake is paying an extensive visit to her sister, Mrs. A. J. Simpson, Deep Cove.

Professor P. A. Boring and family of Vancouver are spending a few days at "Meadiands Farm."

W. North of Comox is spending the holidays with relatives at Deep Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. Finch of Vancouver are spending the holidays with Mrs. Finch's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. Harvey, Third Street, Sidney.

The weekly card party of the Sidney Social Club took place in Berquist Hall, Wednesday evening, six tables being in play.

The winners were as follows: Miss Edith Gilman, Mr. Kirkness, Mr. E. John and Mr. Lidgate.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Gilman and Mrs. Hambley.

Mr. and Mrs. George Anstey and family of Victoria spent the holidays with Mrs. Anstey's parents, Mr. and

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FORMER RESIDENT DIES IN VANCOUVER

Marmaduke Charles Reynard passed away yesterday in Vancouver after a short illness. He was born in Nanaimo in 1872, but passed most of his life in Victoria, and was a son of the late Rev. James Reynard and Mrs. Mary P. Reynard of this city. He had been an employee of the Dominion Government for thirty-six years, first as mail clerk on the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway for a number of years, then in the Post Office Inspector's office, being transferred to Vancouver in 1921.

Mr. Reynard will be remembered as having a pleasing tenor voice and was a valued member of the Arion Club for twenty-two years. He leaves a widow, formerly Maude Carter of this city, a mother, two sisters and a brother. A service will be held in Vancouver Thursday, December 30, at 2 p.m. from St. Paul's Cathedral, followed by cremation.

TUBERCULAR VETS ARE ENTERTAINED

Ladies' Auxiliary Hosts to Members of Section at Banquet Last Evening

The members of the Tubercular Section, Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., were the guests of the ladies' auxiliary at their annual banquet last night at 1259 Government Street. Sixty members attended. Comrade Smith acted as toastmaster. Comrade Ballantine, president of the section, was the capable chairman, and thanked the ladies' auxiliary for the splendid work that they had done in the past and expressed his confidence of the continuation of their fine services.

In replying to the chairman's speech, Mrs. Crocker, president of the ladies' auxiliary, said that it was a pleasure to give assistance to the tubercular section, and assured them of the continuation of the auxiliary's work. She wished the "boys" of the section "A Happy New Year."

After the dinner a first-class varied programme was rendered, in which the following artists took part: Miss Rosette de Macedo Lee, girl violinist; Mrs. Chapman, Measles, Ingledew, Abbott, Bridge, Booth and Smith.

PRESENTATION MADE TO SAANICH REEVE

Reeve Robert Macnicol, retiring as reeve of the Saanich Council after five years of service, was presented with a pair of military hair brushes by Councillor H. O. Kirkham at the close of last night's meeting of the council. The presentation was made on behalf of the council as a token of the esteem of the councillors who have worked with him during his period of service.



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TELEGRAPH BRIEFS

Calgary, Dec. 29.—A. F. Jeffrey, dairy farm hand, narrowly escaped death Tuesday when his arms were caught in a straw-cutting machine. Both arms were badly mangled before fellow-workers could stop the machine.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—The building on King Street West, which was formerly the headquarters of the now defunct Home Bank of Canada was sold at public auction at Osgoode Hall to-day to W. Strauss & Company, New York investment brokers, for \$340,000.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—It has been decided not to appeal the case of Percy Ham, sentenced to seven years imprisonment in connection with recent bond fraud, and he will be taken to Portsmouth penitentiary early in the new year.

Seattle, Dec. 29.—An automobile passenger who flees from the machine after the accident is equally with its driver, Justice of the Peace Batchelor ruled here to-day.

Seattle, Dec. 29.—"There is no longer any liquor in circulation here, which, judged by the drinker's own standard, is fit for human consumption," Roy C. Lyle, prohibition administrator for the Northwest, declared to-night. "I don't care what kind of liquor it is, everything that is offered for sale by Seattle bootleggers is poisonous in one degree or another," he asserted.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 29.—A new miner's lamp is to be tried out in the coal fields. Operated by electricity, its filament is composed of loops of palladium which glow redly under normal conditions, but change color radically in the presence of the deadly "fire damp."

New York, Dec. 29.—The city government has gotten away to a normal start for 1927. John R. Voorhis, ninety-seven-year-old grand Sachem of Tammany, was sworn in to-day as president of the board of elections—the position he has held continuously since 1917, when he was appointed to the job after a short "vacation."

Washington, Dec. 29.—They may have been union burglars and the whistle blew. After carrying 1,000 pound safe containing \$2,000 from a store, robbers abandoned it unopened in a nearby ravine. Police, however, believe, passers-by frightened the burglars away while they were opening the safe as two picks and an axe were found beside it.

Seattle, Dec. 29.—George McDonald, who was accepted in Seattle social and financial circles last fall while posing as J. W. Rice, commander, United States coastguard, will be deported to British Columbia, it was indicated to-day.

Rome, Dec. 29.—Representatives of Germany and Italy will sign a treaty of friendship and arbitration at the foreign office to-day.

Vancouver, Dec. 29.—Edward Bayfield, K.C., a well-known figure in Canadian legal circles, died at his home here yesterday. He was born in Prince Edward Island, seventy-nine years ago. He is survived by three sons, Dr. J. E. Bayfield, superintendent of the Bella Coola Hospital, Dr. T. P. Bayfield and J. J. Bayfield of the law firm of Bayfield and Harvey, this city, and a sister, Mrs. T. H. Freeland.

London, Dec. 29.—Chubby-faced Rupert John Clarke, aged nine years, has just become a baronet and inherited a fortune estimated at a million pounds sterling by the death of his father, Sir Rupert Clarke, at Monte Carlo. Sir Rupert, a former butcher in London, made a fortune in real estate in Australia.

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—Grace Cram, seventeen years old, died yesterday from the effects of injuries received when she jumped from a moving train near Napinka, Man. Both her legs were amputated. A sister who jumped after her is recovering from minor injuries.

Uniontown, La., Dec. 29.—The automobile of Charles Coughanour, driven by Charles, and containing his wife and infant daughter, who was slowly choking to death on a chicken bone, crashed into a taxi cab. The little girl was hurled to the floor and coughed up the bone.

Bridgeton, N.J., Dec. 29.—Linwood Ware, twenty-two, who shot and

killed his aunt and uncle as they sat at breakfast, was sentenced to life imprisonment to-day.

Smith's Falls, Ont., Dec. 29.—Twenty-one head of high grade cattle were burned to death and others were so badly burned that they had to be destroyed in a fire which destroyed a barn on the farm of Harold Porter, eight miles from here, yesterday.

Harrisburg, Ill., Dec. 29.—Charles Burger, Southern Illinois gang leader, surrendered at his home here late yesterday on a warrant charging the murder of Joe Adams, mayor of West City.

UNABLE TO RETURN TO HOMES IN U.S.

British Born in Canada For Christmas Held at Border

Vancouver, Dec. 29.—Lacking necessary permission to enter the United States, a number of British-born residents of that country who visited Canada for the Christmas holidays are now unable to return to their homes.

These people entered the United States several years ago before the United States immigration regulations were as strict as at present. Many have established businesses in cities of the western states and now find they are barred from re-entering the United States of America because of present immigration laws in that country.

Vigorous protests and appeals have been forwarded to Washington from Vancouver by these people, and they hope for favorable consideration of their petitions.

Washington, Dec. 29.—No unusual tightening of immigration restrictions along the Canadian border has been ordered by United States immigration authorities. Immigration Commissioner said last night, but he pointed out that aliens always must be prepared to prove their right of residence in this country when they go out and re-enter.

"Unless they have some evidence to submit to immigration inspectors that they are legally entitled to live in the United States," he said, "they are likely to have trouble and delay. At the very least they must be able to give information as to the ports through which they first enter this country so that our records can be looked up to make the matter certain."

TURKISH WOMEN TO RECEIVE EDUCATION

Part of Modernizing Campaign of Government

Constantinople, Dec. 29.—The Turkish Government, as part of its modernizing campaign, intends to open nation-wide public schools for women, where it is estimated ninety-eight per cent of women illiterates will receive compulsory instruction country so that our own records can be looked up to make the matter certain.

The Minister of Instruction, in making known the orders, declared that respect for women is the sacred duty of civilized countries and that nations which undervalue women as a social factor cannot advance from barbarism.

The Government also will establish women's clubs where a campaign in favor of hat wearing, instead of veils, will be carried on with other modernizing propaganda.

IN TIME NIAGARA FALLS WILL GO DRY

Says Geologist in Talk on Lake Diversion Controversy

Madison, Wis., Dec. 29.—Father Time and Mother Nature eventually will settle the lake diversion controversy and with no regard to the arguments of either side, Frank B. Taylor, Fort Wayne, Ind., geologist, told the Geological Society of America.

"If the present land tilting in the Great Lakes basin continues, the two will step into the picture about 5100 A.D.," said Mr. Taylor, "and decide in favor of Chicago, causing the four upper lakes to discharge at Chicago and Niagara Falls to go dry as the result of uplifting of the land at Buffalo."

Mr. Taylor based his conjecture upon the work of Dr. G. K. Gilbert Sherman Moore, Michigan geologist, whose studies show that in the Lake Huron region, land has been rising during the last 2,700 to 3,000 years approximately 1.45 feet a century.

BAILIFF KILLED SEIZING CATTLE

Ontario Farmer Suspected of Firing Shot

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 29.—The jury empaneled to inquire into the death of Charles St. Charles, bailiff at the village of Madoc, December 21, returned a verdict to-day that death was caused by a gunshot wound in his chest received on November 15, while he was at the farm of Abraham Robinson for the purpose of seizing cattle for taxes. In the jury's opinion Abraham Robinson fired the shot which struck St. Charles.

Robinson is at present being held on a charge of attempted murder, which will probably be changed now to that of murder.

Joe Sharkey and Stanley Lewis, two boys, swore that they saw a man who, in their opinion, was Abraham Robinson, leave the knoll from which the shot which struck St. Charles was fired, and crawl on his hands and knees down a lane.

CHINAMAN SHOT ON VANCOUVER STREET

Man in Custody Following Battle on Pender Street

Vancouver, Dec. 29.—Chinatown echoes to the roar of two revolver shots last night as Lee Chang fell to the sidewalk in the 100 block, Pender Street East, badly wounded. Instantly confusion was created.

Immediately a call was rung in to police headquarters, and detectives were detailed to the case. Lee Chang was rushed to the General Hospital and taken to the operating room, where an emergency operation was performed. It was said this morning that he would recover.

He is reported to have received two bullet wounds, one through his right arm and the other through his abdomen.

As a result of police investigation, Lim Pook, forty-two, was taken into custody and booked for investigation. No reason has been assigned for the shooting by the police.

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MANY CHURCHES AT SLEEPING POINT

Says A. C. Dawson at Conference of Student Christian Movement

Montreal, Dec. 29.—Many churches throughout the land are just at the sleeping point, in the opinion of A. C. Dawson of Montreal, at the opening session of the second national conference of the student christian movement in Canada, held in MacDonald College, Ste. Anne de Bellevue. Mr. Dawson urged that the adult members of these "sleeping congregations" observe to their own shame that youth was giving them an example of religious zeal by which they ought to benefit.

A few enthusiastic young people, declared Mr. Dawson, have been enough to keep a church of one thousand people from going to sleep. If this is true, and Mr. Dawson had seen cases, deliberations at the conference of the student christian movement would, he thought, have a wholesome influence on the adult church-goer who goes to church, but not with a receptive heart. Ernest Clarke, Brandon, Man., chairman of the movement, presided at the session.

Paris, Dec. 29.—France intends to abstain from any interference in China's internal affairs. This is the sense of instructions sent this afternoon to the French diplomatic representatives at Washington, London, Brussels, Peking, Rome, The Hague and Lisbon.

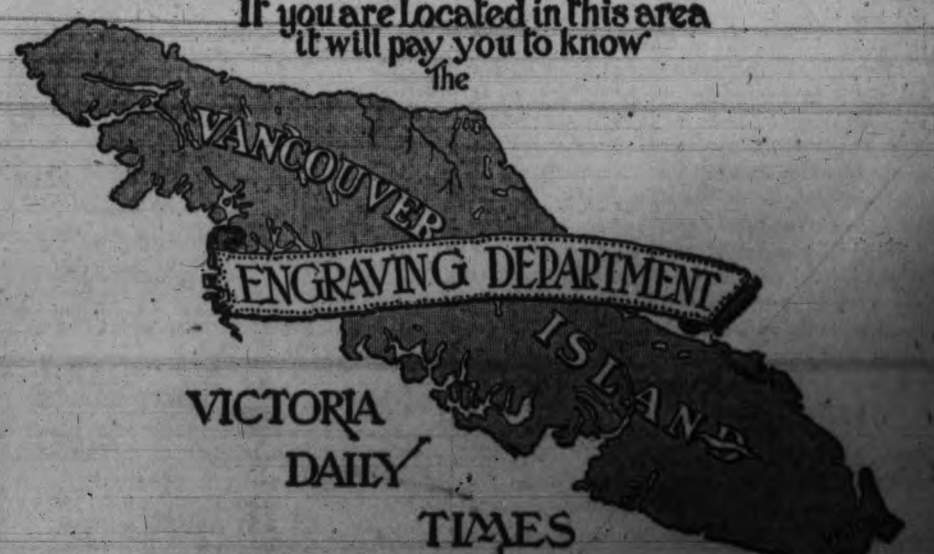
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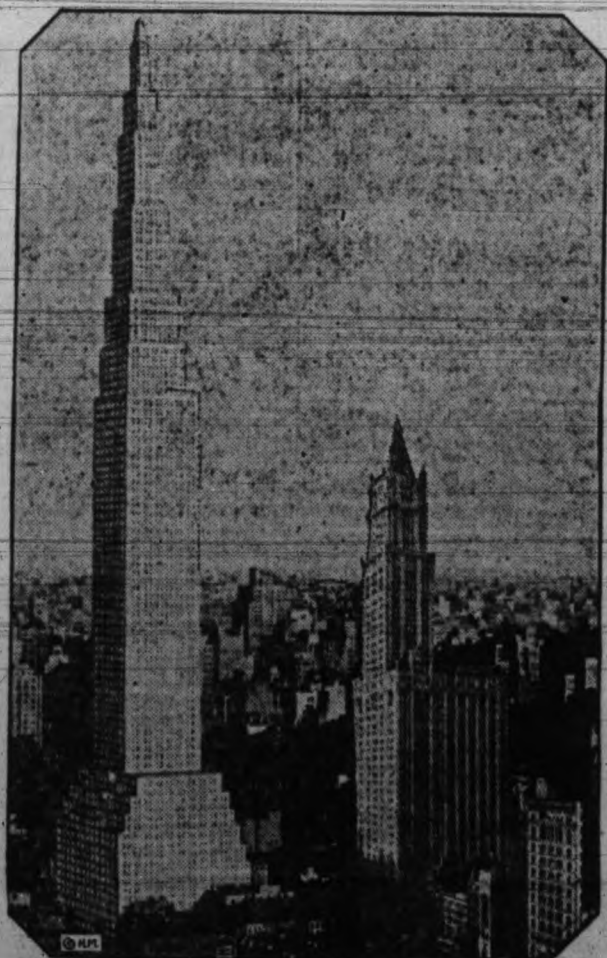
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OF VITAL CONCERN TO CANADA

ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS Australia did after the British electorate refused to have anything to do with Mr. Baldwin's Imperial preference proposals in 1923 was to make it abundantly clear to all whom it might concern that she would enter into trade agreements with any country which would offer her satisfactory terms. One or two of her statesmen and not a few of her newspapers emphasized this particular attitude, and Great Britain would have added her blessing to such a resolve if the Commonwealth had asked for it, because Great Britain has built up her economic edifice by regarding her commercial relations with the rest of the world as hard and fast business and nothing else.

It is not surprising, therefore, that the Australian delegates to the Imperial Conference should have made it known to the other Empire statesmen who gathered in London that it is the intention of the Commonwealth to negotiate a reciprocity treaty with the United States in natural products. In several statements made by Sir Hugh Denison, who has lately arrived in the United States as the Commonwealth's special commissioner, the prospect of trade development between the neighboring republic and the southern Dominion has been held out. No doubt Premier Bruce will make a few inquiries on his own account while he is on this continent.

Any move which Australia might make towards a trade arrangement with the United States would be of the utmost importance to Canada. This Dominion is a competitor of the Commonwealth in natural products and the terms upon which the latter might subsequently be able to increase her business with the neighboring republic would have a new bearing upon the policy which at present governs the interchange of these and other commodities between this country and the country across the border. Canada already is reaping the benefit of the pact which went into operation between this Dominion and the Commonwealth fifteen months ago; but, while Premier Bruce says it is working extraordinarily well, there is a considerable body of public opinion in Australia which considers that we are getting by far the best of the bargain. Whether this contention will influence the terms which may be embodied in an Australian-American Treaty—a bid to capture trade which many Australians think was denied them when the Imperial preference proposals were turned down in Britain in 1923—will not be known until the matter is brought within the realm of practical politics. None the less it can be assumed that the southern Commonwealth will drive the best bargain it can without regard for the effect its operation might have upon the economic relations existing between this country and our neighbor.

This is the point at which Canada's interest in the proposal will increase. Out of a total value of exports from this country to the United States for the year ending with last October of \$483,684,096, no less than something like \$132,000,000 was accounted for by the sale of agricultural and vegetable and animal products in which Australia might be able to compete successfully with us in the United States under a reciprocal arrangement. British Columbia, too, is vitally interested because the advantage this Province enjoys in the Australian newspaper market might be cut down by an Australian-American pact.

THE "CHAIN LETTER"

COMMUNICATIONS IN THE MAINLAND newspapers indicate that the "chain" letter fiend is busy again. He may not be as bad as the "Spanish Prisoner," but some of the twaddle he circulates, and begs nine other people to keep the ball rolling, entitles him to the order of the boot.

Not a few of these letters contain threats of dire calamity in the event of the recipient failing to do as the epistle orders. These do harm in cases where they are received by trusting and somewhat sensitive people who very often put themselves to no end of trouble in order not to "break the chain."

Some of these letters are quite simple in their plea for good works and many people are obedient to their exhortation and enjoy it; but the letter that contains any threat or prediction of dire things should be consigned to the waste-paper basket with as little delay as possible.

THE OPPORTUNITY OF YOUTH

BY LENDING ITS SUPPORT TO THE Youth's Section of the League of Nations Society in Canada the Older Boys' Parliament now in session at the Legislative Buildings here is making a useful contribution to the cause of peace.

Practically none of the young men who are enrolled in the groups associated with the Canadian

Standard Efficiency Training movement were old enough to realize the tragedy of the last war while the conflict was in progress. Very likely still some of them have yet to grasp what it has meant to the world at large in a moral and material sense. But it is obvious from the nature of the discussions to which they are giving much thought and time that they all are seized with the vital importance of doing everything in their power to prevent a repetition of such a calamity.

Nor should it be forgotten that much of the future progress of the world, whether that progress be peaceful or turbulent, depends upon the contribution which the youthful generation of the present day is disposed to make. There is a bill before the young men at the present session of their Parliament which is intended to authorize the Religious Education Council of British Columbia to take out a corporate membership in the Youth's Section of the League of Nations Society in Canada. Although this may be little more than the customary formality, it is evidence that the thinking youth of the Province intends to play its part in the cause of peace.

The Older Boys' Parliament has an excellent opportunity to help to make the League of Nations Society in Canada one of the most popular of institutions among the rising generation. Its members, all of whom are good public speakers, would find it simple to put themselves in possession of the essential economic facts which a post-war world is finding it so uncomfortable to face. With these added to their warm support of the world brotherhood movement, they would have a powerful argument that would at all times be ready for use if international harmony were threatened in any serious form.

The young men of the world to-day are the citizens of to-morrow. If they work for peace, peace will be preserved between the nations. It is the opportunity of youth.

PLAIN TALK

CANADA'S MINISTER OF CUSTOMS, Hon. W. D. Euler, has made a plain statement in respect of liquor shipments from this country to points outside which will commend itself to the Canadian people. He says that ships clearing from this Dominion with cargoes of intoxicating wares must prove beyond doubt that their goods have been landed at the port for which clearance was granted. On the other hand, where evidence is available that clearance papers are made out for fictitious trips, the liquor cargoes will be seized and declared confiscated as contraband under the provisions of the Canadian Customs Act.

Those exporters who are not able to prove what the Minister insists should be proven are breaking the law. If they are breaking the law, they are merely asking for the sort of punishment which Mr. Euler says he intends to inflict. Canada may not be particularly interested in the laws of the republic to the South; but she has promised to do everything in her power to assist a friendly nation to enforce an Act which prohibits the use of liquor in the general sense. But the Minister's statement also has reference to those cargoes of liquor which leave these shores only to come back again and be distributed in British Columbia against the law. This is an important point for us to remember.

WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

TRUE TO FORM

The Soviet Government is offering for sale in New York the crown jewels of the Romanoff dynasty. The Soviet Government, or those who founded it, put the Romanoffs up against a wall and shot them to death. It comes with queer taste to find these same people now coming out into the markets of the world and offering for sale the jewels belonging to those whom they murdered.

Queer Quirks of Nature

By ARTHUR N. PACK

A number of snakes are cannibals, feeding on other snakes, sometimes even their own species. Among these are the gopher snake, ranging from Florida westward, and the king snake, through the eastern and southern states. Both are inveterate enemies of the rattlesnake and are immune to his poison.

But the deadliest of all the cannibals is the king cobra, found in India and the Malay regions to the Philippines, where he dwells in the grassy jungles. He is a pale, translucent, grassy-green color for the forward two-thirds of his length, the remainder being heavily mottled with black.

He is first cousin to the hooded or common cobra, and also to the Egyptian cobra (believed to be the "asp" with which Cleopatra committed suicide), but is much larger than either.

He is the largest of the poisonous snakes, sometimes reaching the length of 16 feet, and is, moreover, the most aggressive. All other snakes, except possibly the bush master, let man alone as long as they are not molested, but the king cobra often follows man with the express purpose of biting him when there has been no provocation.

A man bitten by this most poisonous of all snakes will rarely live an hour, and death has been known to come within five minutes after the bite. This type of cobra is comparatively rare, yet he is responsible for many of the 22,000 deaths which, according to official statistics, are caused yearly by poisonous snakes in India alone.

A THOUGHT

Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.—Prov. iii, 17.
Honor women! They entwine and weave heavenly roses in our earthly life.—Schiller.

Do You Mean What You Say?



When one is not up to standard, either physically or mentally, we often describe the condition as being "off color." The original reference, of course, was to the pallid complexion of a sickly person, but in current usage, the phrase has a more general application. It is also applied to an act which is not quite honest—which is not "true blue."

Canadian Questions and Answers

INCREASE IN NEWSPRINT PRODUCTION

Q.—What is the increase in newsprint production in Canada?
A.—Operating at ninety-nine per cent. of its rated capacity, Canadian mills produced 1,150,000 newsprint in July, 1926—a new monthly record for all time and a gain of 4,436 tons over the previous month. Since January 1, 1926, production has increased approximately 29,000 tons per month.

The WEATHER

Victoria, Dec. 29.—5 a.m.—The ocean storm is now centered in Northern Alberta and misty weather is spreading eastward to Manitoba.

Reports
Victoria—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, maximum yesterday, 51; minimum, 44; wind, 15 miles W.; rain, 1.5; weather, fair.
Vancouver—Barometer, 29.86; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 44; wind, 5 miles S.W.; rain, .50; weather, clear.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.68; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 22; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, fair.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.85; temperature, maximum yesterday, 45; minimum, 35; wind, S.E.; rain, .25; weather, cloudy.
Estevan—Barometer, 29.82; temperature, maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 44; wind, 6 miles N.W.; rain, .75; weather, clear.

	Max.	Min.
Victoria	51	44
Vancouver	48	44
Barkerville	44	34
Portland, Ore.	54	44
Seattle	50	40
San Francisco	50	40
Penticton	40	30
Grand Forks	40	30
Nelson	39	29
Calgary	42	26
Edmonton	42	26
Qu'Appelle	34	18
Winnipeg	43	23
Toronto	43	23
Ottawa	26	16
Montreal	26	16
St. John	26	16
Halifax	39	29

Chemainus

Chemainus, Dec. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Halden entertained at a very jolly Christmas party, those present including Mr. and Mrs. Cryer, J. Bowser, Mr. and Mrs. Ross, Fuller, Laker, Mrs. Hill and Miss Katharine Hill, of Ladysmith; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Halden; Chemainus, and F. A. Halden; Richmond, Ross, Rick and Basil Halden, Miss Rosemary Cryer and Mr. and Mrs. Halden.

Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Burgess entertained for the Christmas holidays Mr. and Mrs. Swinerton and Miss Mary Swinerton of Victoria, the Rev. and Mrs. Basil Spurling, Dora and Hermiona, Frank and Roger Spurling, of Chemainus.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Howe entertained at a most enjoyable party, when those present included Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Tatlow, of Westholms, Mr. and Mrs. A. Howe, Mr. A. Howe Jr., Miss Mary Wylie, Miss White and Ernest and Harold Howe.

Mr. and Mrs. Caswell entertained for the Christmas holidays Mr. and Mrs. of Sidney, and Mr. and Mrs. Basil Bailey and son, of Vancouver.

Master Ray Clute is home from Brentwood College for the school vacation.

Mr. Pearson, who has been convalescing for several months at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Humbird, has returned home to Sand Point, Idaho.

Arthur Stonier spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stonier, Victoria.

BROWNIES HELD AN ENJOYABLE YULETIDE MASQUERADE PARTY

Brownies of the First Victoria Pack, with their Brown Owl, Miss Scott, and Tawny Owl, Miss Hennes, were hostesses at a delightful masquerade Christmas party yesterday afternoon in the Campbell Building. Games of all kinds were indulged in, including the old favorites, musical chairs, Blind Man's Buff, Dancing Down the Valley, as well as a balloon game and some jolly Brownie games. After an interlude devoted to enjoying a dainty and satisfying tea, stories were told and a dialogue and dance, "The Minuet," was prettily given by Jean McKay and Irene Brockington. A novelty was a musical grand

Kirk's Wellington 139

Ceylon flavor with Indian strength. Now, reduced price at your grocer's.

March during which each couple was allowed to dip in a big brass pile containing a most attractive assortment of surprises. Not a dull moment occurred, and the evening showed their appreciation of the afternoon's entertainment by spontaneously calling for three cheers for their officers.

TREATY WORKS WELL SAYS PREMIER BRUCE

Australian Leader Returns From Empire Conference

United States Must Help Europe Get Back to Normal

New York, Dec. 29.—The recent trade treaty negotiated between Canada and Australia was working "extraordinarily well," said Premier M. Bruce of Australia, who arrived here late yesterday on the S. Majestic from Europe.

"It is an admirable treaty," he said. "Of course it must be understood that aside from the preferential tariff which naturally extends to Britain, there are intermediate and general rates which are subject to negotiations and which Australia may raise should the occasion arise."

Discussing the Imperial Conference in London, Mr. Bruce said that the Imperial Conference, which was held at the White House, leaving the same afternoon for Montreal.

Mr. Bruce said his primary object in visiting the United States was to discuss the future of the Commonwealth which has so much in common with our own.

LONDON COMMENT ON MARTIMES REPORT

London, Dec. 29 (Cinderella Cable).—"A Kiss for a Kiss" is the heading to the leading editorial in The Times this morning on the report of the Royal Commission on the question of the rights of the Maritime Provinces which was tabled in the Canadian House of Commons on December 10.

BLAME OTTAWA BOY FOR MANY BURGLARIES

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—In the arrest here last night of Joseph Skiffington, twenty-three, a local youth, on charges of housebreaking, police believe they have captured the man responsible for fourteen burglaries in the city during the last six weeks. Later in the evening, police detected arrested Fred Schumann of this city, and have charged him jointly with Skiffington in a number of burglaries.

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CHRISTMAS DRINKERS POUR INTO HOSPITAL

Death Toll in New York Twenty-six; Patients 137

Denatured Alcohol to be Made More Distasteful But Less Poisonous

New York, Dec. 29.—New York's Christmas alcohol death toll rose to 26 to-day, while a stream of cases continued to pour into the city's hospitals where there are now 137 cases. Meanwhile, dry law advocates have rallied to the defense of the government in putting poisonous denaturants in alcohol, in an attempt to prevent diversion of industrial alcohol for beverage uses, which Dr. Charles Norris, medical examiner, said was responsible for the heavy death toll.

ORDERS INVENTORY
In Washington Assistant Secretary Andrews, head of the dry forces, while not apologizing for the use of wood alcohol as a denaturant, has announced that the government has ordered an inventory of all denatured alcohol preparatory to formulating new formulae for industrial plants which will denature alcohol along more distasteful but less poisonous lines.

Mrs. Ella A. Boole, president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union said: "People have been warned of the danger and they don't have to use it."
"CRIMINALS"
Canon William Shea, president of the New York Civic League, said: "Persons who drink liquor do so at their own risk. They are criminals when they purchase it."

A.O.F. Masquerade—A grand masquerade dance and partner whist will be held in the Foresters' Hall New Year's Eve. Eight prizes will be given. Best dressed, comic, advertising, most original, also special prizes, including half ton of coal. The club's

VANCOUVER ISLAND EGG-LAYING CONTEST

Pen	Owner	Breed	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Week Total	Total
1	A. Adams	W.I.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	43.7
2	R. E. Ault	W.I.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	80.4
3	W. Bradley	W.I.	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	224.0
4	J. C. Butterfield	W.I.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	247.7
5	J. J. Dougan	W.I.	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	240.1
6	W. L. Douglas	W.I.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	190.14
7	A. D. Drummond	W.I.	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	216.4
8	G. G. Gaudin	W.I.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	241.80
9	C. G. Gaudin	W.I.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	172.12
10	W. J. Gunn	W.I.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	216.5
11	M. E. Gwynne	W.I.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	141.7
12	T. H. Hayward	W.I.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	142.7
13	W. P. Hurst	W.I.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82.2
14	A. Y. Lane	W.I.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	126.4
15	R. Mackenzie	W.I.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	149.0
16	A. D. Nelson	W.I.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	289.20
17	B. & O'Farrell	W.I.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21.7
18	N. E. Plaxton	W.I.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	395.6
19	W. Robins	W.I.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	277.8
20	R. T. Vyvyan	W.I.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	311.1
21	J. Burgess	R.I.B.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	105.4
22	H. C. Cooley	R.I.B.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	138.2
23	H. D. Reid	R.I.B.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	242.8
24	H. O. Scott	R.I.B.	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	24	263.4
25	L. Chaslin	R.I.B.	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	166.7
26	Expt. Farm, Agassiz	R.I.B.	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	109.1
27	Expt. Station, Ladysmith	R.I.B.	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	140.1
28	C. G. Gaudin	R.I.B.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	243.2
29	M. S. Stephens	R.I.B.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58.1
30	W. Bradley	W.W.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	147.1
31	H. B. Cunningham	W.W.	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	243.2
32	R. B. Jeffery	W.W.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28.5
33	P. G. Stebbings	W.W.	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	243.2
34	Expt. Station, Sidney	W.W.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54.0

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Sirloin Tip Roasts Beef, per lb.	23c-16c	
Round Steak, per lb.	19c-15c	
Shoulder Steak, per lb.	13c	
Mince Steak, Oxford Sausage, per lb.	12c	
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Shoulders Pork, 5 to 7 lbs., per lb.	21c	
Butts Pork, very meaty, per lb.	26c	
Loin Pork, 2 to 6 lbs., rind off, per lb.	34c	
Legs Pork, 4 to 6 lbs., rind off, per lb.	30c	
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READY-TO-WEAR BARGAINS FOR THURSDAY



MIDWINTER SALE OF WOMEN'S COATS

Fur-trimmed Coats
\$5.00

Coats of good grade plaid cloth, straight line effect with fur collar, fully lined. On sale for **\$5.00**

Fur-trimmed Coats
\$7.50

Coats of fancy tweed, with large fur collars, large patch pockets and side fastening; also tailored tweed coats, double breasted and with notch collar. On sale for **\$7.50**

Fur-trimmed Coats
\$10.00

Novelty Tweed Coats with gathered fur collar and patch pockets, also double breasted tailored tweed models with patch pockets. On sale for **\$10.00**

Fur-trimmed Coats
\$15.00

Coats of marvella, pin point and plaid materials, with shawl or gathered fur collars, large patch pockets and fully lined. On sale for **\$15.00**

Fur-trimmed Coats
\$20.00

Coats of pinpoint, marvella and tweed, with fur collars and cuffs, wrapover and tailored models with patch pockets. On sale for **\$20.00**

Fur-trimmed Coats
\$25.00

Coats of pinpoint, velour and tweed, trimmed with sealine, fitch, thibetline, mufloon, opossum. Very stylish coats in shades grey, navy, brown and black. On sale for **\$25.00**

HIGH GRADE Fur-trimmed Coats
\$30.00

Coats of duvetyne, velour and pinpoint, with fur cuffs and collars and trimmed with buttons and fancy stitching. Good shades. On sale for **\$30.00**

Fur-trimmed Coats
\$35.00

Coats of very fine materials, trimmed with collars and cuffs of Alaska sable, opossum, fitch. They are fully silk lined. On sale for **\$35.00**

Sale of Women's Dresses Greatly Reduced in Prices



Flannel Dresses, in numerous smart styles, including tie sash, belts and kick pleats. Shades are black, navy, orange, sand. On sale, each **\$5.00**

Serge, Jersey Cloth and Flannel Dresses, embroidered with colored silk, or tucked; pleated skirts and fancy pockets and belts. All the latest shades. Sizes 16 to 40. On sale for **\$7.50**

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House Dresses on Sale for \$1.39

A selection of Rayon and Broadcloth House Dresses, plain and patterned in neat designs, all attractive styles, and great value, each **\$1.39**

—Whitewear, First Floor

A Midwinter Sale of Girls' Coats—Fur-trimmed and Plain

Coats for 2 to 4 years, smart styles and attractive colorings, some fur trimmed. Values to \$4.95. On sale for **\$2.95**
An assortment of Winter Coats, fur-trimmed or plain tailored styles, in sizes for 2 to 6 years. Values to \$8.95. On sale for **\$4.95**
Smart Winter Coats, tailored or novelty styles, with fur collars or collars and cuffs, for 8 to 12 years. Values to \$11.95. On sale for **\$7.95**
Girls' Coats of blanket cloth, velour and tweeds, tailored or fur trimmed, smart styles for ages 12 to 14 years. Values to \$14.95. On sale for **\$10.95**

—Children's Wear, First Floor

Girls' Two-piece Serge Dresses On Sale for \$3.75

Smart School Dresses of navy serge, two-piece styles shown with pleated skirts and middie top trimmed with red braid, or plaid skirts with navy serge top trimmed with plaid collars and cuffs. Sizes for 8 to 14 years. On sale for **\$3.75**

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Sale of Women's Pleated SKIRTS

Regular \$9.90 to \$17.90. On Sale for

\$3.90 and \$6.90

Skirts of poiret twill and tricotine, in assorted pleats, plain styles trimmed with buttons and narrow belt; sizes 27 to 31. Regular \$9.90 for **\$3.90**
Pleated Skirts of poiret twill and gabardine, with narrow belt; sizes 16 to 32. Reg. to \$17.90. On sale for **\$6.90**

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Women's Coats and Suits Knitted From Silk and Wool Or Wool—All Greatly Reduced \$5.00, \$10.00 and \$15.00

Coats in silk and wool mixture, trimmed with brushed wool, full length, mixtures and plain colors. On Sale for **\$5.00**
White Wool, Full Length Coats, with novelty collars; sizes 36 and 38; also Knitted Suits, coats or pullover styles. Plain colors and mixtures; sizes 16 to 40. On Sale for **\$10.00**
Two-piece Suits, coats or in pullover style of balbriggan, and fibre silk shirts, plain and pleated plain shades and two-tone effect; sizes 16 to 42. On sale for **\$15.00**

—Mantles, First Floor

Clearance Sale Of All Winter Millinery

Velvet and Felt Hats, many styles and colors, clearing at **\$2.98, \$3.98 and \$4.98**
Model colored and tinsel Hats, values from \$12.50 to \$25.00. Clearing at **\$6.98**
Black Satin and Velvet Afternoon Models; values from \$12.50 to \$27.00. On sale for **\$3.98, \$9.98 and \$12.50**



—Millinery, First Floor

Midwinter Sale of Corselettes and Girdles

Back Hook Brassieres of fancy pink cotton. On sale for **39c**
Corselettes of satin striped cotton, side hook style with wide sections of elastic in hips, lightly boned. On sale for **\$1.69**
Girdles for the tall figure, made extra-long in the skirt, of strong batiste and elastic, well-boned and finished with four hose supporters. On sale for **\$1.95**
Girdles of strong pink coutil and heavy elastic, wrap style with elastic abdomen support, suitable for the heavy figure, low bust and long skirt. On sale for **\$2.95**

Girls' Navy Serge Gym Dresses For School

English Serge Gymn Tunics with square yoke and three box pleats back and front, buttoned on shoulder and finished with belt. Sizes for 5 to 15 years, ranging in price according to size, at **\$4.50 to \$9.50**

—Children's Wear, First Floor

Girls' Navy Serge Pleated Skirts For School

Navy Serge Skirts, fine quality, steam pleated, finished with detachable bodice of white cotton. Sizes for 5 to 15 years, priced according to size and quality, from **\$3.50 to \$7.50**

—Children's Wear, First Floor

Midwinter Sale of Men's Suits and Overcoats



This is an opportunity for the man who takes pride in his appearance to dress up well and fashionably at prices remarkably lower than the regular.

COATS of blue Chinchilla and heavy coatings, including shades fawns, greys, browns and fancy tweeds. Single or double-breasted. A wonderful group of bargains. Each **\$12.50**

COATS of heavy coatings in fawns, greys, blues, fawns and Lovats, as well as blue Chinchillas. All silk lined; single and double-breasted; loose fitting or half belted; regular to \$30.00, for **\$18.50**

HIGH-GRADE OVERCOATS, English and Canadian manufacture. There are blue Chinchillas, Meltons, Irish frieze and heavy coatings; silk and plush lined. Latest styles; sizes 34 to 44; regular prices to \$45.00. for **\$24.50**

YOUNG MEN'S FIRST LONG SUITS of rough tweeds, double-breasted models; lined with wool alpaca; sizes 32 to 36. On sale, each **\$10.00**

MEN'S SUITS of tweeds and worsteds, in new shades, mixtures and weaves; double and single-breasted; sizes 34 to 44. Values to \$22.50, for **\$11.75**

SUITS of fine tweeds and worsteds, double and single-breasted; greys, browns, pin stripes, and all new weaves and patterns. Remarkable values; regular to \$30.00. On sale for **\$18.50**

MEN'S SUITS, well tailored from English worsteds and tweeds; styles for young men and conservative dressers. Blue, greys, herringbones, fancy stripes and plain worsteds; regular prices to \$35.00. On sale for **\$23.50**

—Men's Clothing, Main Floor

OUR STOCK OF WOMEN'S BLOUSES

Reduced For Midwinter Sale

Broadcloth Overblouses, tailored styles with band or plain hem, tucked or plain fronts; sizes 34 to 44. **\$1.98**
Dalane Overblouses in tailored style. Have long sleeves, V-neck or pointed collar; floral design in a white ground. On Sale, each **\$2.98**
Spun Silk Overblouses, slipover styles with long or short sleeves, V-neck or tie; plain hem at bottom. On Sale, each **\$3.98**
Spun Silk Tricolette Overblouses, best grade, tailored styles; tucked in or hemmed at bottom. And Novelty Tricolette Blouses in two-tone effects. On Sale for **\$5.98**



Girls' Black Sateen Bloomers

75c and \$1.00

Black Sateen Bloomers with elastic at waist and knees, cut roomy with double gusset. Sizes for 6 to 12 years, at **75c**
Sizes for 13 to 15 years, at **\$1.00**

—Children's Wear, First Floor

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38c	16¢
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Per lb. 42¢ and	Good Lean Pot Roasts, per lb. 14¢ and.....
38c	12¢
	Chopped Suet, per lb.
	Fresh Beef Hearts, each
	15¢
	25c
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BOYS' PARLIAMENT STRESSES NEED OF WORLD BROTHERHOOD

Legislators Plan to Broaden
Participation of B.C. Boys in
World-wide Movement

Important Legislation Starts
on Way Through House; Re-
ligious Needs Emphasized

The Older Boys' Parliament of British Columbia got down to active business last night with the passage of legislation which will guide boys' work in the Province next year.

Some of the most important legislation of the session, given its second reading last night, provides for enlarging the scope of the Parliament's participation in the World Brotherhood Movement. The aim of this legislation is set out as follows: "We realize that the future peace and progress of this and other countries are dependent on a sympathetic relationship and understanding between the citizens of these countries—and that this can be assisted considerably by intelligent study of youth movements and conditions in other countries."

The bill authorizes the Religious Education Council of British Columbia to take out a corporate membership in the Youth's Section of the League of Nations Society in Canada. Another clause in the legislation commends to the various Trail Ranger and Tuxis groups the opportunity of taking out affiliated youth membership in the organization. Provision is made for the distribution of literature regarding this new section of the league to all groups registered under the C.S.E.T.

PLAN PROVINCIAL TOUR

The Minister of International Affairs is empowered under the bill to arrange for a tour of the Province by British Columbia's delegates to the World's Conference at Helsinki, Finland, so that as many groups as possible may hear his message.

The bill also provides for the inclusion of boys from other countries in the attendance at boys' camps in the Province.

To-day the Parliament will debate the financial aspects of this broad programme.

The House last night gave second reading to the Deputy Minister Bill, an important piece of legislation designed to provide for the various House committees.

Fred Spracklin (North Vancouver) succeeded in securing the passage of a resolution urging that young people take part in church services once in two months during the entire year. A general practice along these lines, he said, would promote the devotional side of the Tuxis boys' work programme.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Another resolution, proposed by L. Nichols (Victoria), Minister of Devotional Affairs, declared that "the devotional side of the boys' life needs continual encouragement and urged that the Provincial Boys' Work Board be authorized to send to every member a copy of a pamphlet on the Morning Watch, urging the members to emphasize the Morning Watch and keep it constantly before the boys of the group."

BIBLE STUDY URGED

The House gave unanimous support to a resolution proposed by J. J. Fairley (Kamloops), which read: "Whereas a very small number of boys write up on the Bible study examinations last year; and whereas we have reason to believe that there has been a certain amount of neglect of the devotional side at the midweek meetings; Be it resolved that members of Parliament, when visiting groups in their constituencies, make it a rule to speak upon the importance of the Morning Watch, Bible study and Bible examinations, and that they recommend that the Bible study used in the Morning Watch be as close as possible to that provided in the C.S.E.T. programme, and that this study be made preparatory to the Bible study examinations."

Les Wagner, Minister of Finance (Fairmont-Kitsilano), asked the House to support a resolution asking the Cabinet to correspond more frequently with members of the committees between sessions, a proposal which was adopted.

Appointment of a committee to inquire into the possibility of greater co-operation between Tuxis boys and adult organizations was suggested by Robert Rolston (Vancouver Centre) and tabled for further discussion.

FINANCING SESSIONS

Attorney-General McLean proposed a resolution covering the financing of members' trips to Victoria for the annual sessions of the Parliament. Under this plan all groups in the various electoral districts will be assessed for these expenses.

The debate on the Speech from the Throne, wound up last night, produced many important contributions. The chief points stressed by the various speakers were the need of a boys' work secretary, of more devotional activity and a carrying on the World Brotherhood movement.

SUGAR, MILK, FRUITS ARE REPLACING FLOUR IN MODERN DIET

Palo Alto, Cal., Dec. 29—Over 25,000,000 more barrels of flour would be eaten in the United States each year if people of to-day used as much flour as people of twenty years ago. More than one-fifth of the flour in the diet of that time has been replaced by sugar and by the more expensive foods, such as milk, meat, fats, oils, fresh fruits and fresh vegetables, according to an investigation just published by the Food Research Institute of Stanford University. Food habits have changed more in the few years since the end of the war than they did in fifteen years before it. The working man is more prosperous and can buy more expensive foods. The diet has become



"SPIRIT" HELD—"I am the spirit of thy dead mother," intoned Mrs. Augusta Heberlein, Cleveland medium, in the darkness of a seance. "That's a lot of hokey—my mother's not dead," retorted Detective Victor Klapp. Now Mrs. Heberlein is under arrest.

more diverse. Sugar has in part replaced cereals.

Luxuries and the more expensive foods furnish a greater proportion of the diet than a generation ago, but the amount of nourishment taken has become rather less than greater, food faddists to the contrary notwithstanding. If this were not so, there would be many more fat people than there are. Overweight is unfashionable. Because they are better clothed, because their houses are better heated, because they do less hard physical work than formerly, people now require less food than they did. The white-collar worker needs less food energy than the laborer because he does less heavy manual work. With the increase of labor-saving machinery, workers have shifted from heavy manual labor requiring a large expenditure of energy and the consumption of much energy-producing food to the lighter tasks of office work and machine tending. This has had a profound effect on the food requirements of the working population.

Diversification is the conspicuous feature of the change in the diet caused by prosperity. The luxuries of past generations are becoming daily food. There has been a shift away from some staples which has been encouraged by improvements in distribution, processing and packing, by cold storage, by education in dietetics and by advertising. The diversified diet is distinctly more expensive than the staple diet it has displaced. Flour has taken the place of corn meal in the south and sugar has been replacing flour in the north and west.

Sugar consumption has gone up from a little more than seventy pounds per capita per annum in 1904, to nearly 133 pounds in 1924-25. No doubt this is due not merely to the palatability of sugar, but also to the fact that it is a fairly cheap food. Pound per pound, sugar contains about thirteen per cent more energy than flour. At recent prices, it has been but little more expensive than flour as a source of energy, and seldom in recent years has it been twice as expensive.

Whether the decline in use of flour will continue is difficult to foresee. It is probable that continuing prosperity, diversification of the diet and declining total food consumption will continue to depress flour consumption, but their effect hereafter will not be great. The inroads of sugar on the cereals, however, may be great in the future, but to what extent no one at present can say.



BLUE AND THE GRAY—The sport frock of plaid taffeta is one of the new offerings from Parisian couturiers. This one is particularly interesting with its tiered skirt, scarf, neckline and close sleeves. It is developed in many shades of blue on a gray ground.

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Year-end Specials in
Purity Food Supplies

GOODS ORDERED
TO-MORROW CHARGED ON
NEXT MONTH'S ACCOUNT

- Finest Quality New Zealand Creamery Butter, per lb. 50¢
- 3 lbs. for \$1.48
- Hudson's Bay Company's Seal of Quality Creamery Butter, per lb. 46¢
- 3 lbs. for \$1.35
- Finest Quality Alberta Creamery Butter, per lb. 44¢
- 3 lbs. for \$1.30
- Choice Quality Creamery Butter, per lb. 43¢
- 3 lbs. for \$1.25
- Pure Bulk Lard, per lb. 19¢
- 3 lbs. for 55¢
- Selected Smoked Picnic Hams, per lb. 23¢
- Smoked Boneless Cottage Rolls, per lb. 32¢
- Sweet Pickled Picnic Hams, per lb. 22¢
- Sweet Pickled Boneless Cottage Rolls, per lb. 31¢
- Swift's Premium Hams, half or whole, per lb. 40¢
- Domestic Brand Hams, half or whole, per lb. 35¢
- Mild Quality Ontario Cheese, per lb. 25¢
- Swift's Premium Boiled Ham, per lb. 65¢
- Sliced Jellied Ox Tongue, per lb. 85¢
- H.B.C. Special Breakfast Tea, per lb. 55¢
- 3 lbs. for \$1.60
- H.B.C. Ceylon Broken Orange Pekoe Tea, per lb. 65¢
- 3 lbs. for \$1.90
- H.B.C. Freshly Roasted Pure Coffee, per lb. 45¢
- Finest Quality B.C. Granulated Sugar, 20-lb. paper sack \$1.55
- Campbell's New Season's Tomato Soup, 6 tins for 69¢
- Nine Crown Spanish Table Raisins, Special, per pkg. 55¢
- Seven Crown Turkish Table Figs, Special, per lb. 25¢
- B.C. Honey from Kelowna, 2-lb. tin 52¢
- Kenyon Son and Craven's Delicious Imported Marmalade, 4-lb. tin 65¢
- Del Monte Brand Hawaiian Sliced Pineapple, No. 2 tin 27¢
- Del Monte Brand Fruit Salad, large tin, Special 52¢
- Del Monte Brand Sugar Peas, No. 2 tin 26¢
- Del Monte Brand Golden Bantam Corn, No. 2 tin 22¢
- Santa Clara Valley California Prunes, Jumbo size, per lb. at 25¢
- John Bull Brand Malt Extract and Hops, exceptionally fine quality, per tin \$1.25
- Bon Bons, Stockings, Fruit Cakes, Plum Puddings and a Full Line of Fancy Imported Biscuits for New Year's Parties at Moderate Prices.

Big Bargains in Men's Winter Overcoats

\$19.95, \$31.95, \$39.95

In these three groups we have placed practically our entire stock of overcoats. The savings offered are very considerable and should influence any man who needs a good, warm overcoat to buy now. All styles included—single and double-breasted for men and young men who know the value of appearing well dressed.



Year-end Sale of Men's Winter Footwear

Two Prices Only, \$4.50 and \$5.50

In the first group are black box calf Boots and Oxfords, in Balmoral styles, with heavy welted soles and rubber heels; also Blucher style Boots with black Scotch grain uppers, half, double-welted soles and rubber heels, heavy duck lining; all sizes. Sale Price

\$4.50
Group number two includes business men's Boots in black box calf, in Balmoral style, and black calf Oxfords with single or double-welted soles and rubber heels; all sizes. Per pair
\$5.50
—Main Floor, H.B.C.

Winter Overcoats, Reduced to \$19.95

Heavy and medium weight tweeds. Many with leather yokes, others with art silk yoke and sleeves. Plain back, half belt and full belted models with single or double breasted fronts. Shown in light and dark shades; \$19.95 all sizes. Sale Price.....

Winter Overcoats, Regular \$35.00 and \$40.00 for \$31.95

Tailored from extra heavy all wool tweeds, blue chinchillas and velour finished fabrics. Double breasted and single breasted styles with plain backs, tube and half belted effects. Lined with art silk and satin. Sizes 35 to 44; regular \$35.00 and \$40.00. Sale Price..... \$31.95

65 Winter Overcoats, Regular \$50.00 for \$39.95

This season's newest and smartest materials—Navy naps, fancy blue weaves, grey and fawn tweeds; also Lovat and English tweed mixtures. Tailored by the best Canadian houses in plain back, full and half belted styles with set or raglan sleeves; sizes 34 to 46. A wonderful opportunity to buy a high-grade coat at a reasonable price; regular \$50.00. Sale Price..... \$39.95

Boys' Serviceable Overcoats at Year-end Reductions



Warm, Serviceable Overcoats of heavy check-back tweeds, double breasted raglan and set-in sleeves. Models for boys from 6 to 12 years. Year-end Sale Price

\$10.95
Boys' Two-bloomer Suits
Values to \$15.00 for \$9.95
Smartly Tailored Suits of grey, brown or fawn tweeds with belted coats. Some with bloomers, others with knickerbockers; sizes to fit boys from 8 to 16 years; values to \$15.00. Sale Price..... \$9.95
—Main Floor, H.B.C.

Women's Sports and Tailored Frocks Reduced to \$6.95

A collection of smart frocks in pique, twill, flannel and Jersey cloth. One-piece styles with kick pleat in skirt, long sleeves and new turnover collars; trimmed with buttons, bands of contrasting material and finished with neat tie. Shown in new colors; sizes 16 to 44; values to \$12.95. Sale Price..... \$6.95

Year-end Clearance of Women's Coats



Coats, values to \$29.50, for \$12.95
Smart velour coats made from all wool materials and fully lined, also smart tweeds and plaids with crushable collars of Arctic hare and mouton; sizes 14 to 40; values to \$29.50. Sale Price..... \$12.95
Coats, values to \$49.50, for \$24.95
Stylish coats in novelty tweeds, plaids and all wool velours. Have handsome collars of rich furs, many with cuffs to match. Lined with satin de luxe or Gloria silk; sizes 16 to 42; values to \$49.50. Sale Price..... \$24.95
Coats, values to \$39.50, for \$19.95
Serviceable coats in wool velour. Straight line and bloused styles with large collar and cuffs of mouton, Thibetane and Arctic hare. Several good colors to select from; values to \$39.50. Sale Price..... \$19.95
Coats, values to \$59.50, for \$34.95
Fashioned from needlepoint, duvetyn, marvella and other fabrics with shawl and crushable collars of lynx, wolf, opossum, mouton and mouton; some with fur extending to hem line. All new colors; values to \$59.50. Sale Price..... \$34.95
All Our Better Grade Coats Offered at Proportionately Low Prices
—Second Floor, H.B.C.

Fruits and Vegetables

- Extra Fancy Okanagan Apples, per box \$3.00
- New California Navel Oranges, per dozen 35¢, 45¢, 55¢ and 75¢
- Finest Japanese Oranges, per box 85¢
- Choice Florida Grapefruit, each 15¢, 20¢ and 25¢
- Fancy D'Anjou and Rose Pears, 3 lbs. for 25¢
- Cape Cod Cranberries, Special, per lb. 20¢
- Loch-Brussels Sprouts, 2 lbs. for 25¢
- Fresh Celery, per stick 10¢ and 15¢
- Spanish Onions, 6 lbs. for 25¢
- Local Carrots and Swede Turnips, 10 lbs. for 25¢
- Fine Sweet Potatoes, per lb. at 10¢

Nuts in Shell

- Superior Mixed Nuts, containing soft shell walnuts, per lb. at 34¢
- 3 lbs. for \$1.00
- New Washed Brazilia, per lb. at 25¢
- Barcelona Filberts, per lb. 25¢
- California Soft Shell Walnuts, per lb. 40¢
- Tarragona Almonds, per lb. 30¢
- Imported Chestnuts, per lb. 30¢
- Freshly Roasted Peanuts, per lb. 15¢

Candy Specials for New Year

- Ganong's Assorted Chocolates, per lb. 75¢
- Assorted Satin Finished Candy, per lb. \$1.00
- Special Mixture, consisting of Jelly Creams, Fig Strips and French Creams, per lb. 30¢
- Cowan's Assorted Milk Chocolate, consisting of Maple Buds, Chocolate Almonds and Silver Bells, per lb. 50¢
- Crystallized Ginger Jellies, per lb. 50¢

Children's Coats and Frocks Greatly Reduced

Blanket Cloth Coats
Serviceable Blanket Cloth Coats, trimmed with self-colored stitching and buttons, fur collars and fully lined; sizes 7 to 9 years; regular \$10.95. Sale Price..... \$7.95
Sizes 10 to 14 years; regular \$12.95. Sale Price..... \$9.95
Chinchilla Reefers
Smart little coats in good quality navy chinchilla, well-tailored, padded shoulders, trimmed with brass buttons and emblem on sleeve; red flannel lining; sizes 8, 9 and 10 years. Value, \$9.95. Special at \$8.95
Serviceable Flannel Frocks
Trimmed with silk braid; others in wool crepe, Jersey and wool kaschme. All smart styles in sand, green, rust, scarlet, Copen and navy; broken sizes from 6 to 15 years; regular prices, \$4.75 to \$16.95. Sale Prices, \$3.98 to \$11.98

Children's Hats at Special Clearance Prices

Attractive little styles in blanket cloth, velour and velvet. Poke shapes, others with rolled brims. Choose from green, brown, scarlet and fawn; regular 89¢ to \$3.50. Sale Prices, 69¢ to \$2.50
—Children's Section, Second Floor, H.B.C.

Dress Hats Values to \$19.50 for \$6.95

Exclusive model hats for dress occasions. Shown in velvet, velour and silk; also velvet and satin. A splendid opportunity for you to save on your Midwinter millinery; values to \$19.50. Sale Price..... \$6.95
—Second Floor, H.B.C.

600 Yards Tweed
Coatings at \$1.98 Yard

Sturdy Wearing Tweed Coating for early Spring or immediate wear. Shown in mixed color combinations; 54 inches wide. Thursday, per yard \$1.98
—Main Floor, H.B.C.

Rich Black Duchesse
Satin, Value \$2.50 for \$1.98 a Yard

Black Duchesse of a superbly rich texture and bright satin surface. Weight for dresses; value \$2.50. Special at, per yard \$1.98
—Main Floor, H.B.C.

Pure Wool Plaid
Blankets

High-grade Blankets in novelty plaid effects of tan and white, blue and white, rose and white, mauve and white, gold and white; size 72x84. Per pair at \$11.95
—Main Floor, H.B.C.

Special Values in
Quality Soaps

- French Castile Soap, 250-value at 16¢
- Palmolive Soap, 100 size, 6 for 44¢
- Yardley's Lavender Soap, 350 size, 3 for \$1.00
- Colgate's Toilet Soap, 3 cakes and a Trial Size for 25¢
- Vinolia Eau de Cologne Toilet Soap, box of 3 tablets; 1.00 value 69¢
- Pears Soap, 2 for 19¢
- Colgate's Turkish Bath Soap, 150 value, 3 for 35¢
- Round Bath Soap, extra large size. Well seasoned; 20¢ value, 2 for 29¢
- Vinolia, Boracic and Cold Cream or Goutal and Verbena Soap; 20¢ value, 6 for 95¢

—Drugs, Main Floor, H.B.C.

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- Local Turkeys, 8 to 12 lbs., per lb. 50¢
- Local Turkeys, 12 lbs. and over, per lb. 60¢
- Fresh Chicken, 4 to 7 lbs., per lb. 45¢
- Fresh Fowl, 4 to 6 lbs., per lb. 35¢
- Alberta Turkey, 6 to 8 lbs., per lb. 48¢
- Alberta Turkey, 8 to 12 lbs., per lb. 52¢
- Alberta Turkey, 12 to 18 lbs., per lb. 54¢
- Fresh Geese, 10 to 14 lbs., per lb. 50¢
- Fresh Duck, 4 to 6 lbs., per lb. 38¢
- Pickled Pork, per lb. 25¢
- Stir-fry of Beef, per lb. 28¢
- Prime Rib Roast, per lb. 23¢
- Round Roast Beef, per lb. 22¢
- Corned Rounds, per lb. 22¢
- Loaf of Pork, per lb. 22¢
- Loaf of Pork, per lb. 22¢
- Shoulders of Pork, per lb. 22¢
- and 22¢
- Legs of Lamb, per lb. 40¢
- Shoulders of Lamb, whole, per lb. 35¢
- Pillets of Veal, per lb. 23¢
- Pump Roast Veal, per lb. 22¢
- Loaf of Veal, per lb. 22¢
- Roast Shoulder of Veal, per lb. 22¢
- Boneless Roast Beef, per lb. 22¢ and 22¢
- Spouse's Sable Cod, per lb. 25¢
- Golden Ray Fillets, per lb. 25¢

—Lower Main Floor, H.B.C.

MANY GRAIN AND LUMBER CHARTERS

Nine Vessels to Carry Cargoes From Pacific Coast to Europe and Far East

Seattle, Dec. 29.—Nine ships which are to carry wheat or lumber from the Pacific Coast to Europe and the Far East were included in charters announced here yesterday. They are the Vulcan City, Ryoko Maru, Utsuri Maru, Koshin Maru, Penpaise Maru, Frank Lynch and three Japanese vessels, the names of which were not revealed.

The steamer Arizona Maru, due here next Tuesday from the Far East, brings a cargo of raw silk and silk goods valued at \$6,000,000. The vessel sailed from Yokohama for Seattle last Wednesday.

How the lightship Umatilla spurned the assistance of coastguard vessels and was safely brought to Seattle by a short-handed crew after it broke loose in a storm from its moorings off the Washington coast Christmas Eve was related here yesterday by Capt. Eric H. Lindman, master of the ship. "We caught the full sweep of a ninety-mile wind," he said. "We steamed ahead at full speed, but there was a six-mile current also against us and the moorings wouldn't stand the gaff. There were a couple of cutters hanging around, but we didn't need them. Part of the crew was ashore on leave, but we had fourteen men anyhow, and that is plenty to work any ship. We just carried bodily with the gale until it moderated."

The French steamship Providence, due here to-day, goes into drydock to have a new propeller installed before finishing a lumber cargo at Grays Harbor for Santa Rosalia, Mexico.

A 100,000,000 feet of export Northwest lumber through this port to Germany was predicted here by A. C. Artner, Seattle importer, who has been conducting a campaign to induce European manufacturers to use Douglas fir. He said that he has received inquiries from the German Government and two leading concerns of that country regarding Northwest lumber.

VICTORIAN BACK FROM WORLD TOUR

James Alexander Angus Arrived on Yokohama Maru This Morning

Completing a six months trip around the world, James Alexander Angus, a Victoria resident, returned this morning aboard the steamship Yokohama Maru.

Leaving here early last July Mr. Angus proceeded down the Pacific Coast and after visiting California cities proceeded through the Panama Canal and thence to England. During his stay in the Old Country Mr. Angus made short visits to many parts of Ireland and Scotland.

On sailing from England he proceeded through the Mediterranean and passing through the Suez Canal continued to the Orient, where he embarked on the Yokohama Maru for Victoria.

MASTER OF STEAMER KUYAKUZMT CHARGED WITH VIOLATION OF ACT

Vancouver, Dec. 29.—Charged with a breach of maritime regulations governing the display of running and signal lights on the high sea, Capt. A. D. Vosper, well-known local mariner, and the Central American Shipping Company Limited have been summoned under the Merchant's Imperial Shipping Act.

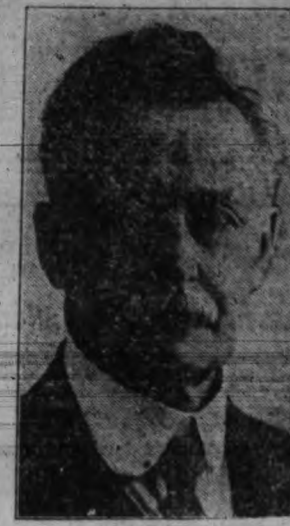
Prosecution was instigated by the Department of Marine and Fisheries at Ottawa and the case made its appearance on the police court docket before Magistrate H. C. Shaw yesterday.

An adjournment for one week was ordered.

The steamer Kuyakuzmt, formerly well known as the rum-runner Stadacona, is the vessel figuring in the charges, and the alleged offence is declared to have taken place off the coast of California in 1925.

No mention is made in the summons as to the nature of the cargo carried by the vessel at the time of the alleged offence. The charge is that "in the months of June, September and October, 1925, A. D. Vosper, captain, and the Central American Shipping Company Limited, owners of the St. Stadacona, sailed on the high seas off the coast of California, without displaying the lights and signals required by the Merchant's (Imperial) Shipping Act."

C.P.R. OFFICIALS SUPERANNUATED



W. O. MILLER

Mr. Miller is superintendent of the Nelson division of the British Columbia district of the line and entered the service of the company in 1883. Mr. Martin has held the post of terminal trainmaster at Vancouver and is one of the oldest railroaders in the country. He commenced his career in 1877 with the old Q.M.O. and O. Railway as an operator and remained with that line until it was absorbed by the C.P.R. in 1881.

W. P. MARTIN

We Eat Enough, But How!

By ISRAEL KLEIN

We, on the average, may be eating enough to satisfy our appetites, but we are undernourished, not so far as our health and vigor go.

We eat too much of meats and sweets and too little of vegetables and fruits to help build our bodies properly.

Yet, mindful of the proper dietary, we could prolong our lives, lower the death rate, be more resistant to disease and greatly enhance our chances for full development and vigor.

ADVICE ON FOOD

This portrait of the average man to-day, drawn from a food aspect, is drawn by Prof. Henry C. Sherman of Columbia University, one of the greatest food chemists.



Prof. Henry C. Sherman

The average man falls far short of proper habits of food, exercise and sleep, says Prof. Sherman. He doesn't know how to choose his food economically and at the same time efficiently.

"Our protein need is less than 100 times our calcium need," he suggests, "yet our protein intake is more than 140 times our calcium intake. Either we are overinsured in protein or we're underinsured in calcium."

Following this line of reasoning, Sherman concludes we are underinsured as regards the important vitamins, A and C.

VEGETABLES AND FRUITS
The cause for this he finds in our too great dependency on meats and sweets and not enough on vegetables, fruits and milk.

"Of the money devoted to the purchase of food, the average American spends from thirty to forty per cent for meats and fish, and about seven to ten per cent for milk, the same amount for vegetables and even less for fruits."

This shows too high a proportion of proteins and fats and too low a share of minerals and vitamins, he says. For this reason, he emphasizes the importance of milk and vegetables to make up for this deficiency.

"Since dietaries are probably more often deficient in calcium than in any other chemical element," he says, "the value of milk as a source of calcium is of unique importance."

GRAIN PRODUCTS

To this he gives prominence to

BELGENLAND DUE AT SAN FRANCISCO

World Cruising Liner Will Reach Golden Gate Friday on 30,000-Mile Voyage

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Belgenland, world cruising liner of the Red Star line, which is due to arrive here Friday with more than 400 passengers will pick up forty more tourists for her Westward cruise. The Belgenland is on a cruise that will take her 30,000 miles in 123 days. The liner will leave here Sunday for the Orient via Honolulu.

The General Steamship Company, agents for the K. line, announced yesterday that the company's trans-Pacific service hereafter will be known as the Kawasaki North Pacific Express line, to identify the regular sailings of this particular line from the general operations of

Victoria Deep Sea Ship Movements

TO ARRIVE IN VICTORIA

*Carries Passengers

CANADIAN RANGER, Montreal, C.G.M.M., Pier 1, Rithet Docks, December 30.

RUTH ALEXANDER*, Pacific Steamship Company, Pier 1, Rithet Docks, December 30.

ARIZONA MARU*, Japan and China, O.S.K., Pier 2, Rithet Docks, January 4.

EMMA ALEXANDER*, California, Pacific Steamship Company, Pier 1, Rithet Docks, January 6.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY*, Japan, China and Philippines, American Mail Line, Pier 2, Rithet Docks, January 6.

NIAGARA*, Australia, C.P.R., Pier 2, Rithet Docks, January 7.

CANADIAN WINNER, London and Antwerp, C.G.M.M., Pier 1, Ogden Point, January 7.

SOUTHWESTERN MILLER*, United Kingdom, Furness, Pier 2, Rithet Docks, January 8.

ARABIA MARU*, Japan and China, O.S.K., Pier 1, Rithet Docks, January 10.

TALTHYBIUS*, Japan and China, Blue Funnel, Pier 2, Rithet Docks, January 11.

TOYOMA MARU*, Japan and China, N.Y.K., Pier 1, Rithet Docks, January 13.

RUTH ALEXANDER*, California, Pacific Steamship Company, Pier 1, Rithet Docks, January 13.

PRESIDENT JEFFERSON*, Japan, China and Philippines, American Mail Line, Pier 2, Rithet Docks, January 18.

EMMA ALEXANDER*, California, Pacific Steamship Company, Pier 1, Rithet Docks, January 20.

EMPRESS OF ASIA*, Japan, China and Philippines, C.P.R., Pier 2, Rithet Docks, January 24.

PHILOCTETES*, Japan and China, Blue Funnel, Pier 2, Rithet Docks, January 24.

KAGA MARU*, Japan and China, N.Y.K., Pier 1, Rithet Docks, January 25.

RUTH ALEXANDER*, California, Pacific Steamship Company, Pier 1, Rithet Docks, January 27.

TO SAIL FROM VICTORIA

*Carries Passengers

ALABAMA MARU*, Japan and China, O.S.K., Pier 1, Rithet's Docks, December 30.

SHIZUOKA MARU*, Japan and China, N.Y.K., Pier 1, Rithet's Docks, December 30.

RUTH ALEXANDER*, California, Pacific Steamship Company, Pier 1, Rithet Docks, January 3.

EMMA ALEXANDER*, California, Pacific Steamship Company, Pier 1, Rithet Docks, January 6.

YOKOHAMA MARU*, Japan and China, N.Y.K., Pier 1, Rithet Docks, January 12.

NIAGARA*, Australia, C.P.R., Pier 2, Rithet Docks, January 2.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY*, Japan, China and Philippines, American Mail Line, Pier 2, Rithet Docks, January 17.

ARIZONA MARU*, Japan and China, O.S.K., Pier 1, Rithet Docks, January 21.

EMMA ALEXANDER*, California, Pacific Steamship Company, Pier 1, Rithet Docks, January 23.

ARABIA MARU*, Japan and China, O.S.K., Pier 1, Rithet Docks, January 26.

TALTHYBIUS*, Japan and China, Blue Funnel, Pier 2, Rithet Docks, January 27.

PRESIDENT JEFFERSON*, Japan, China and Philippines, American Mail Line, Pier 2, Rithet Docks, January 28.

RUTH ALEXANDER*, California, Pacific Steamship Company, Pier 1, Rithet Docks, January 30.

EMPRESS OF ASIA*, Japan, China and Philippines, C.P.R., Pier 2, Rithet Docks, February 5.

COASTWISE MOVEMENTS

For Vancouver

C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 2.15 p.m.

C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 11.45 p.m.

From Vancouver

C.P.R. steamer arrives daily at 7 a.m.

C.P.R. steamer arrives daily at 5 p.m.

For Seattle

Boi Due leaves daily at 10.15 a.m., except Sunday.

C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 4.30 p.m.

From Seattle

C.P.R. steamer arrives daily at 1.15 p.m.

Boi Due arrives daily at 2.30 a.m., except Sunday.

West Coast Route

B.C. Coast Service: From Victoria first, eleventh and twenty-first of each month at 11 a.m.

Portland Canal Route

Canadian National: On Mondays from Vancouver at 5 p.m. for Stewart and Ayres.

Union Steamships: Every Friday from Vancouver at 5 p.m. for Prince Rupert, Ayres, Stewart, etc.

Prince Rupert Route

Union Steamships: Every Tuesday at 5 p.m. and every Friday at 5 p.m. from Vancouver for Alert Bay, Port Hardy, Prince Rupert, etc.

Canadian National: Mondays from Vancouver at 5 p.m.

Queen Charlotte Islands Route

Canadian National: Fortnightly service from Vancouver.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET

Time of sunrise and sunset, Pacific standard time, at 49° 45' N., for the month of December, 1926.

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Hour Min.	Hour Min.
1	7:44	4:21	44	21
2	7:45	4:20	45	20
3	7:46	4:19	46	19
4	7:47	4:18	47	18
5	7:48	4:17	48	17
6	7:49	4:16	49	16
7	7:50	4:15	50	15
8	7:51	4:14	51	14
9	7:52	4:13	52	13
10	7:53	4:12	53	12
11	7:54	4:11	54	11
12	7:55	4:10	55	10
13	7:56	4:09	56	9
14	7:57	4:08	57	8
15	7:58	4:07	58	7
16	7:59	4:06	59	6
17	8:00	4:05	00	5
18	8:01	4:04	01	4
19	8:02	4:03	02	3
20	8:03	4:02	03	2
21	8:04	4:01	04	1
22	8:05	4:00	05	0
23	8:06	3:59	06	59
24	8:07	3:58	07	58
25	8:08	3:57	08	57
26	8:09	3:56	09	56
27	8:10	3:55	10	55
28	8:11	3:54	11	54
29	8:12	3:53	12	53
30	8:13	3:52	13	52
31	8:14	3:51	14	51

the K. line fleet, which is comprised of nearly 100 vessels.

For the sake of economy, offices of the United States lines in Seattle and Los Angeles will be closed February 1 and the interests of the lines will be represented by district agents in those cities. San Francisco will be made Pacific Coast headquarters.

The Union liner Tahiti is scheduled to sail to-day for Australia. The vessel will miss one trip to San Francisco, being scheduled to take the place of the company's motor-ship Aorangi between British Columbia and the Antipodes while the Aorangi is on the drydock in Australia.

VESSEL MOVEMENTS

Minneapolis at Antwerp from St. John.

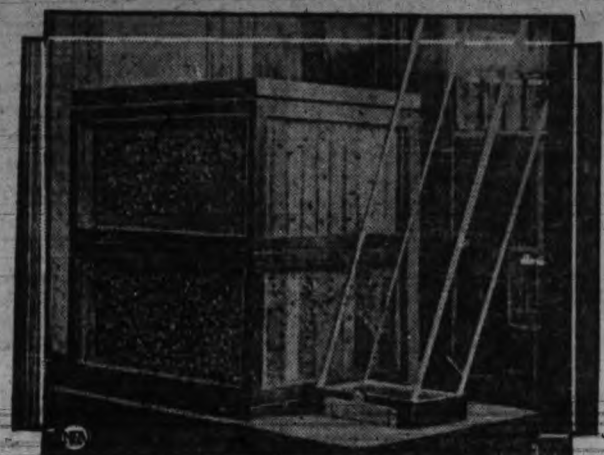
Manchester Producer at Moncheater from St. John.

Balfour at London from Montreal.

Canadian Aviator at St. John from London.

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Highgate at Sydney, N.S., from Glasgow.



TRAFFIC RULES IN BEE-LAND—Bees know little and care less about our own traffic difficulties, but when it comes to their own problems, they can figure out a neat solution in a short time. This exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington proves it. It's of an active beehive, in a glass cage, with a glass tunnel leading from hive to the outside of the building, so the bees may come and go as they please. Within a short time, the workers were seen keeping to the right, as they passed in and out, thus avoiding congestion.

SPOKEN WIRELESS

BY

December 28, 8 p.m.—Shipping:

CANADIAN FARMER, San Francisco for Victoria, 485 miles from Victoria.

GOLDEN GATE, Moll for Vancouver, 370 miles from Vancouver.

LOCH MONAR, San Francisco for Victoria, 290 miles from Victoria.

CANADIAN RANGER, Montreal for Victoria, 685 miles from Victoria.

ERIK FRISSELL, 650 miles from Victoria, inbound.

MOEDYK, bound Victoria, 220 miles south of Estevan.

EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, Victoria for Yokohama, 1,023 miles from Victoria.

KOSHIN MARU, bound Vancouver, 1,290 miles from Estevan.

ALAMEDA, left Juneau, midnight, bound Cordova.

ARIZONA MARU, Yokohama for Victoria, 1,550 miles from Victoria.

RYOKA MARU, Muroran for Prince Rupert, 51.46 N. 157.9 W.

PRINCESS MAQUINNA, off Cordova.

Auto Ferry Routes

Mill Bay Ferry

Mill Bay Ferry bridge Island Highway at Mainland. Leaves earlier

11 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 2.15 p.m. and 3 p.m.

10.15 a.m., 12 noon, 2.30 p.m., 4.15 p.m. and 6 p.m.

TRANS-PACIFIC MAILS

December, 1926

China and Japan

Empress of Canada—Dec. 4; mails close 5 p.m.; due at Yokohama Dec. 14.

Shanghai Dec. 20, Hongkong Dec. 28.

President Grant—Dec. 12; mails close 4 p.m.; due at Yokohama Dec. 22.

Shanghai Dec. 29, Hongkong Jan. 2.

Tyndareus—Dec. 16; mails close 11 noon; due at Yokohama Dec. 21.

London Mar. 11; mails close 11 p.m.; due at Yokohama Jan. 6.

President Madison—Dec. 24; mails close 4 p.m.; due at Yokohama Jan. 15.

Empress of Russia—Dec. 26; mails close 4 p.m.; due at Yokohama Jan. 15.

Australia and New Zealand

Albion—Dec. 15; mails close 6 p.m.; due at Sydney Jan. 6.

Aorangi—Dec. 15; mails close 6 p.m.; due at Auckland Jan. 2, Sydney Jan. 3.

Tahiti—Dec. 26; mails close 4 p.m.; due at Wellington Jan. 17.

CANADIAN NATIONAL STEAMSHIPS

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Friends of Mrs. Alex. Hamilton are pleased to know that she has returned from hospital and is now convalescing at home. Miss Mary Hamilton, of Victoria, is home for the holidays.
Master Jack Stiglitz is home from High School in Victoria for the holidays.
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MEMBERS OF BOYS' PARLIAMENT



These are four of the members of the Boys' Parliament from In and about Victoria, now in session at the Parliament Buildings here. They are, from left to right: John Shadbolt, member for Victoria and Speaker of the House; Edwin Cliff, member for Sidney; Stewart Graham, member for Oak Bay; and Irvine Dawson, member for Mount Tolmie.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Lake Hill Mission, North Quadra Street, will hold its annual Christmas concert this evening at 8 o'clock.

In the Provincial Police Court this morning C. Harrison was fined \$10 for failing to report an automobile accident.

Members of the Canadian Scottish Regiment will be at home to their friends at the Armories on January 1 from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The regular meeting of the City School Board will be held this evening at 8 o'clock. Business for the year 1926 will be completed at this session.

Dr. A. F. Barton will deliver a health lecture in the New Thought Temple, Pandora Street, to-night at 8 o'clock. His subject will be "The Temple of the Living God."

The annual meeting of Metchoin residents to hear the report of the hall committee and elect the committee for 1927, will be held on January 10.

Hubert Scars, charged with furious driving, will be before Magistrate Jay in the city police court for hearing to-morrow morning. He was remanded to-day for the second time.

There will be no referendum on the Health Centre before the Dominion voters at the elections on January 15. Councillor Hagan of Ward Six last night battled hard for a plebiscite but could obtain no second.

Charge and counter-charge were brought against H. Gents and C. Harrison in the Provincial Police Court this morning, both being held for assault. It is alleged that the two men exchanged blows. They are residents of Sooke.

The Saanich Council last night authorized purchase of a grave plot at Royal Oak Burial Park, exhumation of a body recently interred as an indigent, and transfer of the remains to the new location.

George Lilley was last night awarded a motor bus license by the Saanich Council, to operate a ten-passenger car from Victoria to Wards Five and Six, covering Giles Road and the Old West Road.

The regular meeting of the Tubercular section of the Canadian Legion of the B.E.S.L. will be held to-night at 8 o'clock in the club-rooms, corner Yates and Langley Streets. Important business will be dealt with, including further discussion of the approaching B.E.S.L. conference.

Watch Night Service—There will be held in the Church of Our Lord, Humboldt Street, on Friday evening a short watch night service of praise and thanksgiving. All who would wish to end the year in this manner are cordially invited. A short inspirational address will be given by the Rev. James Strachan.

After a struggle for life following a hunting accident when he was shot in the foot, Ronald Fenwick-Smith has good hope for recovery, according to word received by his uncle, Randolph Stuart of this city. The lad is in the Vancouver General Hospital. Amputation of the foot was last expedient to save his life. The patient is still in a very serious condition.

The voters of Saanich will not be asked to express opinions upon transfer of police administration to Provincial Police. The Police Commission last night, at the request of the Municipal Council, withdrew its application for a referendum at the coming elections. Commissioner T. K. Harrop refused to make this action unanimous.

Mrs. Bertha Kalich, the great actress who is to appear at the Royal Victoria Theatre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, will present two plays from her extensive repertoire. "The Riddler Woman" and "Suderman's masterpiece," "Magda." Mrs. Kalich is appearing in Victoria under the auspices of the Kumtuku Club, from members of which organization tickets may be secured.

The Saanich Council last night regretfully refused to make an additional grant to the Royal Victoria Jubilee Hospital assigning "lack of funds" as cause. The hospital authorities had presented data showing that services rendered Saanich residents had cost \$4,000 more than had been received from the municipality, on the new basis of 70 cents per day for all patients from Saanich.

Italy and Germany Move Toward Peace
Rome, Dec. 29.—Premier Mussolini and Ambassador von Neurath of Germany to-day signed the treaty of conciliation and arbitration between Italy and Germany. The treaty is for ten years.

HOTEL LOBBY GOSSIP

Mrs. A. A. Plummer, accompanied by Master Alex. Plummer, arrived from Vancouver this morning. They are on a year-end holiday at the Empress Hotel.

N. A. Ellison and Capt. E. D. W. Maren of the Lonsdale School motored down from Shawanigan Lake this morning and are staying at the Empress Hotel.

Dr. Frederic J. A. Davidson and Mrs. Davidson have arrived from Toronto and will spend the next two weeks or so holidaying here. They are at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Douglas are over from Vancouver on a short stay at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. N. T. Corfield is down from Duncan on a short stay at the Empress Hotel.

Mrs. E. D. Cornelius came over from Vancouver this morning and is staying at the Empress Hotel.

E. W. Hamber, James Lawson, James Wood, H. M. Birch-Jones are among the Vancouver business men who are here to-day at the Empress Hotel.

Miss Jean M. Davidson of Vancouver is staying at the Empress Hotel.

Dr. W. D. E. Kerr and Mrs. Kerr of Edmonton have arrived on a winter holiday visit. They are staying at the Empress Hotel.

Harry Maloney and his Stanford University football team, which is playing the Victoria team, are all at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, who arrived at the Dominion Hotel yesterday from Port Quilham, B.C., intending to spend some time, were called home this afternoon because of sickness.

Mr. J. Forbes, head of the Summer camp and resort at Forbes Landing, motored to Victoria yesterday with his wife and family. They are spending a year-end holiday at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. G. T. R. Harding of Galiano Island is spending the last few days of the year in town at the Dominion Hotel.

Among the year-end prairie arrivals here are Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Potter and F. E. Clermont of Roseland, Alta.; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Turnbull of Prince Albert; Mr. and Mrs. S. Wilson of Battleford; F. Sleight of Galtburg, Sask.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Myron of Moose Jaw; E. H. Bagnall of Calgary; C. Gerald Hiney of Lethbridge, Alta.; H. S. Priest and W. Y. Frame of Saskatoon, who are all at the Empress Hotel.

Three interesting young Vancouver girls who have arrived on a holiday and holiday in Victoria, are Miss Isabel Wilson, Miss Barbara Paul and Miss Lorraine Jolliffe. They are staying at the Dominion Hotel.

M. A. K. P. arrived from across the Pacific this morning on the Yokohama

"BEER PARTY" HELD BEFORE THEATRE FIRE

Maru. He is staying until to-morrow when he will go on to Vancouver. He will likely meet K. Ishii and other prominent local Japanese before going on.

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—Admission was obtained to-day from Claude H. Leigh, nightwatchman of the Winnipeg Theatre, that he changed his clothes in one of the basement dressing rooms on the morning of the fire which destroyed the building with the loss of four lives and nine injured. Leigh was one of the six men held in custody, since the official inquiry of the fire started. He was released on bail to-day. The others are still being held.

Reports were circulated that the police were searching for a mysterious man who, according to employees in a plant near the building, entered the theatre a few hours before the fire was noticed.

The police said that Leigh admitted that a "beer party" was held in one of the dressing rooms on the night before the fire. Six men are alleged to have been at the party.

Police Proceed With Investigation of Winnipeg Disaster

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—The British Government

Gandhi, India, Dec. 29.—Back to Gandhism appeared to be the trend of the Indian National Congress, which ended its sessions to-day. Among the resolutions was one providing that all the members must wear native cloth, with the object of making the boycott against foreign cloth effective.

Thus, the principles of non-cooperation with the British Government and boycott advocated by Gandhi, leader of the Nationalist movement in India will be partly rejected as evidence. The Act passed in which many of Gandhi's followers rejected his teachings.

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WILL APPEAL CASE INVOLVING POLICE PRACTICES IN B.C.

The Provincial Attorney-General's Department will go to the Supreme Court of Canada in an effort to sustain the existing practice of provincial police in questioning persons, it was announced to-day. This effort will take the form of an appeal to the Supreme Court in the case of Rex v. Bellos, recently decided by the B.C. Appeal Court.

Arthur Bellos, Prince Rupert man, appealed against a conviction in the northern city on the ground that a statement given by him to police officers could not properly be regarded as evidence. The Appeal Court sustained this position, thus endangering the present system of the police. The Attorney-General's Department will appeal immediately to the Supreme Court, leave to do so having been granted to-day.

EX-BRITISH OFFICER SPY FOR GERMANY

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SOCIETY WOMAN RUNS AUTO INTO CANAL

Leicester, Eng., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Ernest T. Walker, prominent society woman and wife of the head of Woolsey Ltd., hosiery manufacturing firm of London, drove her automobile to a canal near here to-day and drowned herself.

The coroner's verdict was that she was irresponsible and her act was caused by a nervous breakdown.

WIND SWEEPS TOWNS IN WASHINGTON STATE

Seattle, Dec. 29.—Winds blew eighty-four miles an hour at North Head, Wash., and sixty-eight at Tatoosh Island last night. Weather Observer Summers reported here to-day. As the velocity decreased the wind shifted from the south to southwest. It swept Seattle at forty-eight miles an hour.

EIGHT WYOMING TRAIN BANDITS SENTENCED

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 29.—Sentences ranging from one to twenty-seven years were given eight men and a woman involved in the robbery of a mail train of \$320,000 in bonds and currency near Rock Springs, Wyo., last August by Judge T. Blake Kennedy, in United States district court to-day.

Air Minister Ends First Flight of Trip in Storm

Valetta, Island of Malta, Dec. 29.—After a six-hour flight through wind and rain, the air liner carrying the British Air Minister, Sir Samuel Hoare, on a voyage to India, arrived on the island of Malta this afternoon. To-day's flight was from Naples, a distance of about 350 miles.

Prairie Girl Frozen To Death on Way Home For Christmas

Lincoln, Sask., Dec. 29.—Hazel Haughen, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. Haughen, was so badly frozen while returning home from a visit to an aunt that she died. The girl had spent two days with Mrs. Hart, who lives about a mile from the Haughen home, and last Thursday afternoon decided to go home to help her mother with preparations for Christmas.

Half an hour after the girl had left, M. Matthews, an uncle, inquired for the child and started out to look for her. Half-way to her home, close to the roadside, the girl was found lying down, with her shoes iced, hands, hat and mitts off. Mr. Matthews picked her up and then called a doctor, but the girl died before he arrived.

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SAANICH PIONEERS TO HOLD REUNION DANCE ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

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OBITUARY

The funeral of the late Mrs. Rebecca Palmer, who passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. M. Ferrard-Mason, 1204 Beach Drive, Oak Bay, on Sunday morning, place yesterday afternoon. Funeral service was held at the Thomson Funeral Home, 1625 Quadra Street, at 2.30 o'clock, when Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, M.A., rector of St. John's Church, officiated. The hymn sung was "Abide With Me." There were many friends present, and a profusion of floral designs covered the casket. Samuel Gunter, R. T. Williams, W. A. Davis and M. Brown acted as pallbearers. The remains were laid to rest in the Royal Oak Burial Park.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Edith Gertrude Robertson, wife of Lieut. Col. F. A. Robertson of 1511 Stanley Avenue, took place yesterday at 2 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Relatives and a large gathering of sympathizing friends were in attendance, and the many beautiful flowers testified to the high esteem in which the late Mrs. Robertson was held. Rev. Dr. W. G. Wilson of the Grand United Church delivered an impressive service and the hymns sung were "Rock of Ages" and "Peace, Perfect Peace." The pallbearers were Capt. M. A. Kent, Capt. Vincent McKinnon, Major J. B. Monk, Major J. B. Clapham, Major M. J. Crockett and Major G. G. Aitken, and the remains were laid to rest in the Royal Oak Burial Park.

The funeral of the late Alice Belton took place from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel yesterday afternoon at 2.15, Rev. A. L. Nixon officiating. The hymn sung was "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." Many friends attended and the casket and hearse were covered with flowers. The following acted as pallbearers: Charles Webb, Fred Stacey, W. H. Robertson, E. Belton, C. Stapleton and W. Kayon. The remains were laid to rest in Ross Bay Cemetery.

The funeral of the late Norman Ernest Whitten took place from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. James Strachan officiating. The hymn sung was "Forever With the Lord" and "Peace, Perfect Peace." A large gathering of friends attended and the casket and hearse were covered with floral offerings. The following acted as pallbearers: W. J. Berryman, J. Eastick, A. Smith, J. H. Rudger, H. S. Brooks and W. A. Johnston. The body was laid to rest in Ross Bay Cemetery.

There passed away at an early hour this morning at the Royal Jubilee Hospital James Gray, aged sixty-four years. The late Mr. Gray was born in British Columbia for many years. The remains are resting at the S. J. Curry and Son's Funeral Home, corner Quadra and Broughton Streets. Announcement of the funeral will be made later.

Mrs. Elizabeth Howland Knight, wife of A. D. Knight, of 2172 Lafayette Road, passed away last evening at St. Joseph's Hospital, aged thirty-nine years. The late Mrs. Knight was born in Bristol, England, and is survived by her husband, two daughters and five sons, also her father, E. Rowland, in this city. The funeral will be held from the B.C. Funeral Chapel on Friday at 2 o'clock.

The funeral of the late Mrs. McKinnon, who passed away in this city on Saturday, was held on Tuesday afternoon from McCall Brothers' Funeral Home. A number of friends attended the service, which was conducted by Rev. A. de B. Owen. The hymns, "Saviour Like a Shepherd" and "Oh Love That Will Not Let Me Go," were rendered. Miss Louise Moore presiding at the organ. The casket was banked with beautiful flowers. Interment was made in Royal Oak Burial Park, with the following friends as pallbearers: C. M. Haverstock, G. H. Ashman, R. A. Weeks and R. S. Goldfinch.

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MATE OF WONDER DOG
IN FRONT OF CAMERA
IN COLUMBIA STORY

When an actor becomes a great star, his wife, if she is not a professional, is likely to find herself stirred with desires to shine in public herself. These desires have explained several important debuts. And now, in "A Hero of the Big Snows," the Warner picture that is now showing at the Columbia Theatre, is a case in point.

The great actor in this case is

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Columbia—"A Hero of the Big Snows."
Crystal Garden—Sea bathing and dancing.

Rin-Tin-Tin—And his wife, who is known to all of their intimates as a very gracious and beautiful hostess, is Nanette.

Nanette has been a keen observer of her mate's triumph in pictures and, when it came to making "A Hero of the Big Snows," she no longer had to scamp along the side lines. She was allowed to come right in front of the camera in all of her blonde beauty, and she scored an immediate success.

But Rin-Tin-Tin's official leading lady in the picture is Alice Calhoun. Others in the cast are Don Alvarado, Leo Willis and Mary Jane Miliken. The picture was directed by Herman Raymaker.

"THE CAT'S PAJAMAS"
AND PANTOMIME MAKE
FINE HOLIDAY BILL

Brilliant in effects and charming in story. That's "The Cat's Pajamas," showing at the Playhouse Theatre. Betty Bronson, co-starred with Ricardo Cortez, is as sweet and lovable as she's ever been.

The picture, essentially dramatic,

NORMA SHEARER IS
VAUDEVILLE TROUPE
IN DOMINION PICTURE

Vaudeville favorites of olden days, some of them since famous in the movies, some of them retired from the stage—and some still on the boards—formed an odd conclave at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios recently, where they are assembled on a big replica of "behind the scenes" at the New York Palace Theatre for "Upstage." Norma Shearer's latest story, which plays at the Dominion Theatre to-day.

The scene shows "rehearsal morning" with acrobats, a lion tamer, dancers and others getting their acts ready for the opening matinee, and Miss Shearer as the feminine half of a new song and dance team.

BUILDING UP COMEDY
FOR SILVER SCREEN
IS SPECIALIST'S JOB

The writing, or to be more accurate, construction, of a motion picture comedy, be it of the one-reel slapstick variety or feature farce, is a highly interesting proceeding. For screen comedy is not written, it is built, scene by scene, and it generally comes much more slowly than its more serious brother, the drama.

The writing of "Take It From Me," the Universal-Jewel starring Reginald Denny, which is now playing at the Capitol Theatre, is an excellent and interesting example.

The basis for the story is a musical comedy of the same name by Will E. Johnstone and Will R. Anderson, two New York writers. After the story had been purchased, it was given to Harvey Thew, who wrote the adaptation of a detailed synopsis to bring it into motion picture form.

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The story goes that Miss de Putti filmed the scenes of this picture at night, after working in the afternoon on "Variety."

Warner Brothers had intended sending out a picture also titled "Manon," but the U.F.A. production has caused them to change the name. Dolores Costello will be featured.

It's no trick to gather a "mob" in lower Broadway, as Director Luther Reed will testify. Desiring throngs to watch the movie wedding of Ricardo Cortez and Lois Wilson, he had but to set up a camera in front of the New York city hall and wait for the noon whistle to empty the Wall Street offices. Thereafter the mob became so great that a half dozen police corps had to be called out.

"Potemkin," the most discussed picture of the year, is at last escaped the censors and will soon be released, with a few scenes deleted. This is the Russian picture, showing a conception of the fleet revolt in the 1906 revolution, which was made under the O.K. of the Soviet. It was discovered by Douglas Fairbanks, who saw it while traveling abroad, and who returned announcing it one of the great pictures of all time.

Held up by mysterious orders, it was given a half dozen private showings about New York and was so claimed by so many famous folk that, perhaps, their public statements had some weight with the censorship.

At any rate it is to be released by a newly-organized group.

TOLMIE TO FETE DR.
TOLMIE ON SATURDAY

Hon. S. F. Tolmie, Conservative Party leader in British Columbia, will be entertained by Victoria Conservatives at a social function in the Campbell Building, Saturday afternoon.

In addition to a brief speech by Dr. Tolmie there will be a musical programme and refreshments.

A general invitation has been issued to Victoria and district Conservatives to attend. Among Conservative leaders to be present will be R. H. Pooley, Conservative House Leader, and members of the House for the city and surrounding constituencies.

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LITERARY NOTES

Housner, a Winnipegger by birth, although he has been living in exile in Toronto, is a great admirer of the so-called Group of Seven, a school of painters who are as unconventional in their methods of depicting scenery as were the pre-Raphaelites in their day. When the pictures of Canadian outdoor life by Lawren Harris, J. E. H. MacDonald, Tom Thomson, Macdonald, Lismer and Carmichael first appeared, they were ridiculed by the art critics of Toronto and Montreal who held that our rough landscape had to be toned down if reproduced on canvas. But the seven, who decided to paint the raw wilderness as they saw it, were undismayed by hostile criticism. Later they were cheered by the favorable opinions of English critics. In 1924 the "Entrance of Halifax Harbor," by A. Y. Jackson was purchased by the trustees of the Tate Gallery, London. This was the first canvas by a Canadian painter to adorn these venerable walls. Mr. Housner declares that this honor aided more than any one thing to turn the tide of opposition in Canada toward the work of the Group of Seven. Those interested will find in this volume of appreciation much information about this revolutionary band. The book is well illustrated and artistically bound.

Zane Grey will sail from San Francisco on December 31 with his eldest son, Homer, to join his ship, The Fisherman, for a seven-month cruise in Australia and New Zealand waters, ending at the South Sea Islands, winding up at Papeete. He is going fishing, and in order that the goggle-eyed may be kept informed as to his success, he has a fully equipped radio installation aboard, together with photographic apparatus and a tank for bringing home some specimens as mementoes to be believed. He is taking no chances on being called an Ananias.

Sinclair Lewis is at present in New York, hard at work on his next novel, which is to be called "Elmer Gantry." He is also interested in religion and the church in America as a theme for a serious novel. His recent visit to the subject, "Elmer Gantry," has been interesting in religion and the church in America as a theme for a serious novel. His recent visit to the subject, "Elmer Gantry," has been interesting in religion and the church in America as a theme for a serious novel.

Monogrammed gloves are a novelty this season, the small monogram appearing on the narrow cuffs.

Stars Are Just People to Her
Cigarette Girl Takes Apart Hollywood Crowd and Shows What Makes It Go

A second instalment of the private letters of Joseph Conrad appears in the December issue of World's Work. Among the letters are two to R. B. Cunningham Graham, in which Conrad gives his estimate of Rudyard Kipling. In the first of these two letters he writes: "Mr. Kipling has the wisdom of the passing generation and holds it in perfect sincerity. Some of his work is of impeccable form and because of that little thing he will be in Hell only a very short while. He squints with the rest of his excellent sort. It is a beautiful squint. And after all—perhaps he sees around the corner. And suppose I am wrong, I am around the corner like the elusive and useless loafer it is. I can't tell. No one can tell. It is impossible to know. It is impossible to know anything, though it is possible to believe a thing or two."

W. T. A.

Emancipation of Enslaved Motherhood

By OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON

In Northampton the "Institute for the Co-ordination of Women's Interests" is finding one way of answering the problem of careers for married women who have children.

It is now beyond the experimental stage and is doubly assured of success as it has been guaranteed by appropriation for three years by the Laura Spellman Rockefeller Memorial.

At the head of this work is Dr. Ethel Puffer Howes, with degrees from Smith, Radcliffe, and two German universities. She is a philosopher and psychologist, married, and has two children.

So much for the excellent backing of the institution. It is organized to undertake the care of children during the hours that mother is away from home, on her job of exercising the professional or business talents she may possess and has had special training for, otherwise than making beds, seeing that baby doesn't fall downstairs and gets his daily ride in his perambulator.

Possibly nothing since the passing of the nineteenth amendment has caused so much discussion as this very question. Talking with the average mother the "now" seem to have it as far in this direction as the ideal. Leaving one's own children to go and write a book or paint a picture or practice of law!

I wish I had about six columns instead of a few inches to present the other side. As far as the care goes that the children will get in the institution, there is no argument. It will be, in many cases, probably better than he would get at home.

The mother has as much right to her life as her child. That is what is wrong with the last generation. The generation before it has been its slave and the younger generation has exacted heavy toll.

But the point of the thing is this. As times are now, a father cannot, as a usual thing, earn enough money to give the average child all that he needs to live. He would have to cost hundreds of dollars to straighten a set of teeth—thousands to educate him.

After all, it is the child the mother is working for—not herself. It is an age of specialists and if she has an opportunity to help pay them, why not? It is a good sentiment that ties a mother to a child twenty-four hours a day for years.

BOY PARLIAMENT OF MANITOBA IN SESSION

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—The Fifth "Boy Parliament" of Manitoba was inaugurated yesterday afternoon, attending the proceedings were Premier Bracken, Hon. P. A. Tait, Speaker of the Provincial Legislature, and representatives of the

City Council, religious, business and professional life of the Province.

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH
By-law No. 369

A BY-LAW

To Raise the Sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars for Constructing Extensions to the Water-works Distribution System

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to borrow the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for the purpose of constructing general extensions to the Water-works Distribution System of the Municipality, which said sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) is the amount of the debt this By-law is intended to create.

AND WHEREAS the amount of the whole rateable land of the Corporation of the District of Saanich according to the last valuation of the Province, namely the Roll for the year 1925, is Seven Million Three Hundred and Fifty-one Thousand, One Hundred and Forty-one Dollars (\$7,351,141.00).

AND WHEREAS the amount of the total rates chargeable for water (hereinafter called "the water rates") were for the year 1925 the sum of Fifty-nine Thousand, Two Hundred and One Dollar and Seventy Cents (\$59,201.70) and are estimated to be for the year 1926, Six Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighteen Dollars and Seventeen Cents (\$6,687.17).

AND WHEREAS the amount required for the year 1926 to pay such sinking fund and interest upon the Debentures issued under the Water Works By-law, 1914, and the Water Works By-law, 1916, and the Water Works By-law, 1921, is Forty-two Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Dollars and Fifty-two Cents (\$42,992.52).

AND WHEREAS the debt herein authorized is created to secure the security of the aforesaid water rates and water frontage rates.

AND WHEREAS it is estimated that the aforesaid water rates and water frontage rates will be sufficient to meet all operating charges and all payments of sinking fund and interest when due.

AND WHEREAS it is estimated that the principal and interest of the debt, together with the amount of the debt created hereunder does not exceed the capital sum represented by the estimated annual sum of the water rates and the water frontage rates for the time being unencumbered calculated at four per centum per annum.

AND WHEREAS it will be required to be raised annually the sum of Forty-two Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Dollars and Fifty-two Cents (\$42,992.52) to form a sinking fund for the payment of the debt hereunder created, the sum of One Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00) to pay the interest on the debt.

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the District of Saanich has passed By-law No. 369, "Water Frontage Rate By-law," a By-law for the purpose of establishing and levying the water frontage rates.

AND WHEREAS the water rates proposed to be done under this By-law have been approved by the Council of the Corporation of the District of Saanich.

THEREFORE the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the District of Saanich enacts as follows:

1. For the purpose of constructing extensions to the water-works distribution system of the Municipality there shall be borrowed on the credit of the Corporation at large the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) and Debentures shall be issued therefor in sums of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) each, which shall have the corporate seal thereto for the payment of interest.

2. The monies to be raised under this By-law shall be expended in:

(a) extending the 12-inch cast iron main from Douglas Street easterly along Clover Avenue to the intersection of Douglas and Cook Streets at an estimated cost of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00);

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THE MAN THE WOMEN LOVED

BY RUBY M. AYRES

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"I see!" Heffron rose suddenly to his feet. "I'm cramped," he apologized. He walked the length of one parapet and came back. It hurt unaccountably that Mollie should be jealous of his child. "Of course, Mollie is quite the grand lady now," Isabel went on lightly. "Really, it's quite funny the way she adores spending John's money. She's like a child with a new toy! Since her mother died—" "Is Mrs. Dawe dead?" "Yes, some months ago, and John has sent him to Charterhouse, and he pays for him to go to the Slade School. She was always clever at drawing, you know, and they have great hopes for her future. Now Mr. Dawe has retired John allows him something, I believe, and he lives in a little house quite close to us so that Mollie can often see him; and she drives her own car. She laughed lightly. "You would hardly know her, Pat, if you were to meet." "That is not very likely to happen," she looked at him anxiously. "You are not going back to England then?" "No." "In an agonized moment he had made up his mind to do that, although until then it had been his fixed intention to go back, even if only to see Mollie once again and find out for himself if she were happy. But it would be more than he could bear to see her changed as Isabel said she was. He did not want to see Mollie in the reflected glory of John Morland's money. "There seem to have been a great many changes since I went away," Patrick said with an effort, and Isabel answered: "You must expect changes in two years." "But you are the same," he said unthinkingly. "Yes," she flushed painfully. "I have not changed. I never shall." She waited, with a fast-beating heart, wondering if he would understand her meaning, but he appeared to be quite unconscious of it, almost as if he had not heard what she said, and with a little sigh, she rose, snaking out her white skirt. "It's so heavenly here!" she said. "I must tell John to bring Mollie. He was talking of a second honeymoon soon. They have been married nearly two years, you know." Heffron did not answer. He was thinking of Morland's passionate protest when Dorothy died; of his vow never to marry only for the boy's sake, a girl who would be his wife only in name. Were all men so feeble, and did John love Mollie now as once he had loved that girl? "You're walking very fast," Isabel reproached him, and he slackened his speed apologetically. They went into the Mosque of Mehmet Ali and stood side by side gazing at the myriads of lights, and at the wonderful carpet, but Isabel's face was hard and her eyes pitiless, and in her heart she was thinking of the fight that still lay before her and of the shortness of time that still remained. If it were Mollie whom Heffron loved—and she was sure of it now, for a hundred memories had come to her, bringing with them bitter corroboration—Mollie was married and beyond his reach. And Heffron was a lonely man, and unhappy, desperately unhappy, she could see. "I will fight, and I will win," she told herself fiercely. At the gateway they slipped off their sandals and drove back to the hotel almost in silence. "Are you tired?" Heffron asked once, and Isabel smiled and shook her head. "No, I am only thinking." But he did not ask what she was thinking about. After dinner that night he sent for a car and they were driven out beyond the city to the Nile. The moon laughed down at them from a cloudless sky, and every nerve in Isabel's body seemed aching and throbbing with the desire to break down the barrier between herself and Heffron and tell him that she loved him. What was the use of false pride when so much was at stake? She wanted him as she knew she would never want another man, and now when he was on the rebound of his love for Mollie, surely this was the moment? He did not talk very much, and when he did it was always impersonally, until quite suddenly he broke out: "I will fight, and I will win," she told herself fiercely.

BEDTIME STORY

Uncle Wiggily and the Sticky Balls

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By HOWARD R. GARIS

Once upon a time when the forty seven little bunny boys and girls in Uncle Wiggily's hollow stump-bun-ny-wood had become tired of playing with their Christmas toys, Baby Bunty said: "Let's ask Daddicums to take us adventuring with him!" "Oh, yes!" sang all the others in a chorus. "I'll ask him," went on Baby Bunty.



Out of the bushes popped the Bob Cat

for she was a cute little tyke and often Uncle Wiggily would grant favors to Bunty when he might think twice about doing it for the other forty seven. For you see Baby Bunty was the forty seventh bunny, and besides, she was an orphan, living by turns with all the other animal folk of Woodland. Just now it was her turn to live with Uncle Wiggily. And very lucky it was, too, being the Christmas season.

So Baby Bunty went dancing on her tip-toe to where Uncle Wiggily, whom she called "Daddicums," sat in his easy chair, dozing before the blazing fire of logs on the hearth. "Boo!" called Baby Bunty in the rabbit's ear. "I'm coming! I'll be right down to breakfast, my dear!" answered Mr. Longears, jumping up and rubbing his eyes. For he had fallen asleep and thought his wife was calling him to breakfast. "Ha! Ha!" laughed Baby Bunty. "Ha! Ha!" laughed all the other little rabbit boys and girls. "Ha! Ha!" chuckled Uncle Wiggily himself, and then Baby Bunty knew it would be all right to ask him the favor. "Will you take us adventuring?" she begged. "Why of course I will!" answered Mr. Longears. A little later there was quite a procession of rabbits marching over the hill, across the fields and toward the woods. Many sharp little eyes looked for an adventure, for that was what Uncle Wiggily had come in search of an adventure! "I see one!" suddenly cried Jingle, who was walking with her sister, Jangle. "Where?" asked Uncle Wiggily. "Over by that old stump," answered Jingle. "It's a tall wagging adven-

ture. Oh, I hope it isn't one of the bad chaps!" But it wasn't even an adventure for it was only a brown oak leaf blowing in the wind, and Uncle Wiggily laughed when he saw it. "We shall have to hunt farther for an adventure," he said. And a little while after that, all of a quickness, Baby Bunty gave a shout and said: "Oh, look what I've found—a lot of sticky balls!" She was beneath a big tree and on the ground were a number of balls, with long stems. Each ball had a number of spikes or sharp stickers on it, like the burr of a horse chestnut before it opens to let the brown nut pop out. Only these brown stickers were no so large as

those from the horse chestnut tree. "They look just like Christmas tree ornaments, only they aren't gold or silver or red, green and other pretty colors," said Scooter, one of the boy rabbits. "Maybe they are next year's Christmas tree ornaments and they aren't finished yet," said Tooter, who was Scooter's brother. "You might call them that," said Uncle Wiggily when the children asked him about the sticky balls. "But these are really the seed pods from the sweet gum tree. Every year they fall off the tree like this. If you like you may take some of the sticky balls home and next Christmas we can color them. But be careful

not to hurt yourselves, for the spikes on the brown seed balls are very sharp." This the little bunnies soon found out for themselves. But they picked up many of the sticky balls, taking as much care as they could. And when they were ready to go home, all of a sudden, out of the bushes popped the Bob Cat with his silly little tail. "I suppose you know what I have come for!" growled the Bob Cat to Uncle Wiggily. "I suppose you mean my ears!" sighed the rabbit gentleman. "Yes," snarled the bad chap. But just then Baby Bunty, very politely, said to the Bob Cat: "Won't you sit down on that flat stump right behind you and rest yourself, before you nibble Daddicums' ears?" And the Bob Cat sat down, but all of a sudden he sat up very quickly, howling and yowling and shooting. "I'm stuck! Oh, I'm stuck! I must have sat down on a pin!" "Oh, no," said Baby Bunty sweetly as the Bob Cat ran away. "You just sat down on some of the sticky balls I put on the stump." And that's what happened. They all said Baby Bunty was very clever, and I think so myself. And if the flour sack will give the rubber boot a bunch of pan-ies for its button-hole, I'll tell you next about Uncle Wiggily's red cakes.

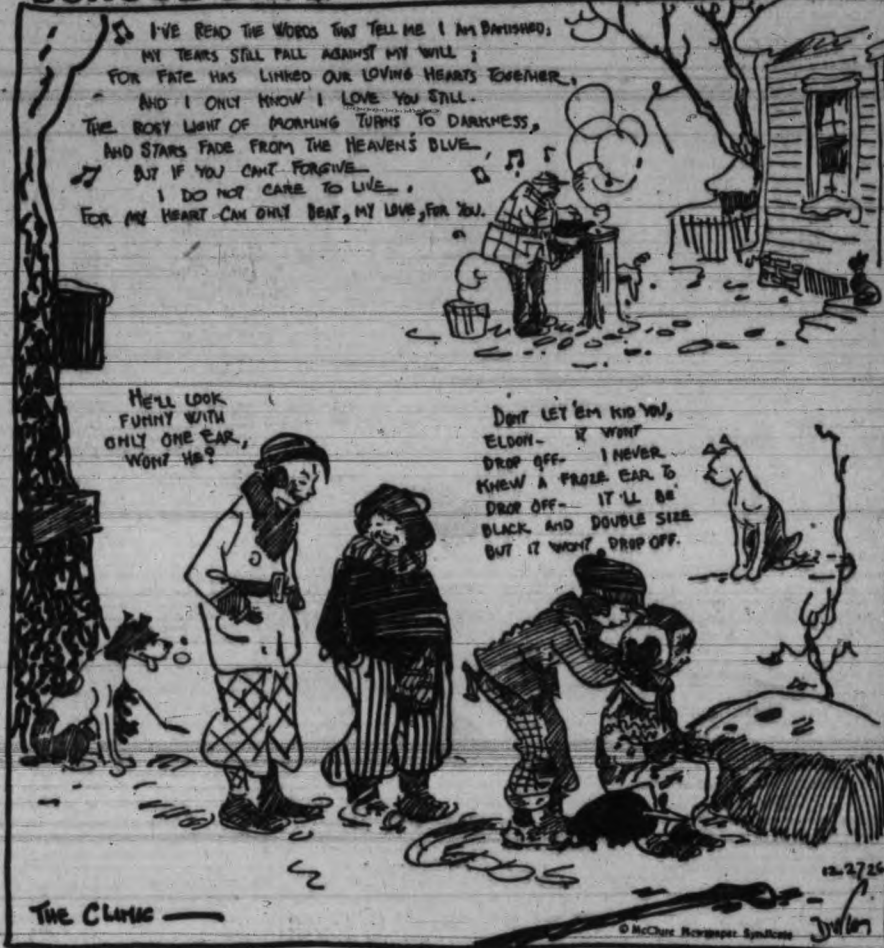
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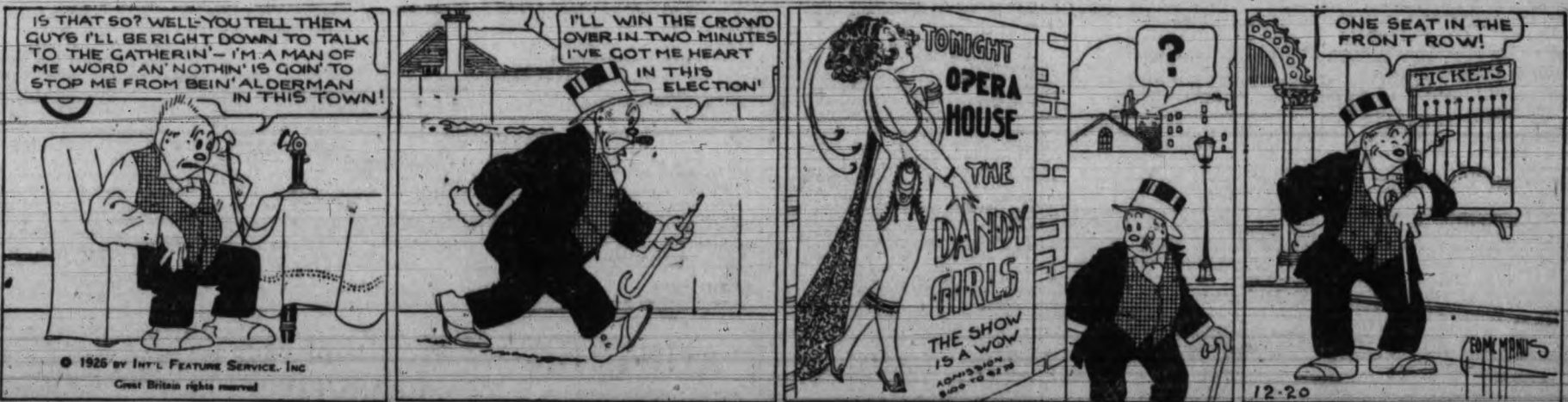


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DIED

SCOWCROFT—On Dec. 28, 1926, there passed away at 5711 1/2 St. George, beloved wife of William Scowcroft, at the family residence, 1224 Queen's Avenue, aged 77 years 11 months; born in Broomfield, Shropshire, England. This lady was a devoted mother and a kind and generous friend. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. from the residence, 5711 1/2 St. George, to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, where the funeral service will be conducted by Rev. Dr. W. L. Clay at 3:30 p.m.

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Mercury and Uranus are in benefic aspect to-day, according to astrology. Mars, Saturn and Neptune are adverse.

It is an auspicious rule for the lighter interests of life, for sending

out invitations and for various forms of hospitality. There is a good sign for meetings with strangers of opposite sex, and acquaintances begun to-day should bring romance, or at least long friendship.

This is read as a rarely favorable way for all forms of advertising and publicity.

Competition for recognition in business or society will be keener than ever in the coming year, but fame, after being hard won, will be evanescent. It is foretold.

Scholars are to receive much recognition and to be aided in attaining their high ambitions in the coming year.

Wealth is to be poured out wisely for the common good and the fact that knowledge is power will be more consistently kept in the foreground.

There is a sign to-day read as indicating continued misapprehension regarding the aims of the United States.

Warlike gestures from foreign nations may be expected, but they will amount to nothing, for this country is to prosper in all things during 1927.

Under this planetary government the aged may cavil at modern ideas, but they must accept the changed conditions, for there are to be more startling upheavals in custom and standards of life than have already taken place. It is prophesied.

Architecture is to occupy attention as never before in America, astrologers forecast, for public buildings of great beauty are to be erected.

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Persons whose birthday it is have the augury of constant advancement in the coming year. Enterprise will be crowned with success and there should be settled prosperity.

Children born on this day probably will have fine executive ability. These subjects of Capricorn often are able to become the heads of big business enterprises.

S. E. O'BRIEN, Secretary, Department of Public Works, Ottawa, December 1, 1925.

NOTICE REGARDING MALAHAT
The Malahat Drive will be open to vehicular traffic on and after Friday, December 24. Motorists should exercise care near the Summit.

P. PHILIP, Deputy Minister and Public Works Engineer, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C., Dec. 22, 1926.

LAND REGISTRY ACT
In the Matter of Part 60 Acres of Lot Seven (7), Malahat District.

Proof having been filed in my office of the loss of Certificate of Title No. 12016-C to the above mentioned land, in the name of Gordon Hunter, and bearing date the 20th day of January, 1905, I hereby give notice of my intention at the expiration of one calendar month from the first publication hereof to issue a provisional Certificate of Title in lieu of such lost Certificate.

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SAANICH SUBMITS REFERENDUM ON IMPROVEMENT TAX

Voters Will Express Opinion on Change in Taxation Methods

A referendum on taxation of improvements will be submitted to the ratepayers of Saanich at the annual elections. Councillor William Crouch of Ward Seven introduced the resolution, and the question will be in the following terms: "Are you in favor of taxation of improvements?" Councillor Hagan objected to the referendum because the congested population areas would outvote the farming areas. Councillor Oldfield pointed out that the council had authority to make any change deemed necessary, and such a referendum might handicap succeeding councils. Reeve Macneil considered that a referendum would provide interesting data as to the views of the farming districts "after they have had placed before them the effects of the new assessment."

Councillor Stubbs declared "this is a question affecting the people very closely, they should have something to say about it."

OTHER METHODS
Reeve Macneil regretted Saanich had not power to establish taxation zones or a minimum residence tax, considering these to be logical methods of equalizing taxes. Councillor Kirkham said: "What is the use of putting this referendum? Everyone is opposed to taxation in any form. Look at the Provincial Government, they are put to extremes to raise revenue equitably, but they do not put referenda to the people. Rather than have any doubt about it, I favor putting this plebiscite to the people. I do not think there is going to be any doubt as to the result."

SCORNS SETTLEMENT TOWARDS CRIMINALS

In Business Because it Pays, Says Expert

James Hepburn Depreciates Modern Theories

Philadelphia, Dec. 29.—The most effective way of stopping "a crime wave" is to make crime unfavorable, James H. Hepburn, managing director of the Baltimore criminal justice commission yesterday told the annual convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Deprecating the "modern" theory that criminals were "sick men," of low mentality or "born crooks," Mr. Hepburn said they usually were of high mental attainments and were in the business of crime because it paid. "The belief that all criminals are mentally subnormal," said Mr. Hepburn, "is widely accepted and believed to-day. It was not until the world war, when great numbers of men were given intelligence tests, that the average of intelligence was found to be much lower than originally supposed and when our convict population was examined, it was found that they received a higher mental rating than the draft army of the United States, which was fairly typical of the mass population of the United States."

"And it must be remembered that convicts in penal institutions represent the lower type of criminals, because the more astute frequently escape detection," General speaking, the criminals received a higher mental rating than their guards."

PREMIER OPENS MORE ORE BODIES, R. S. MABEE EARNS

Financial Man Brings Latest From Headquarters on Famous B.C. Mine

The forthcoming annual statement of the Premier Gold Mining Company will be one of the best that has been put out in years, according to R. S. Mabey, head of the bond department of Pemberton and Son, who has just returned from a visit to the financial centres of the east. Mr. Mabey brought back with him the analysis of the Premier mine situation by John Stark of Toronto.

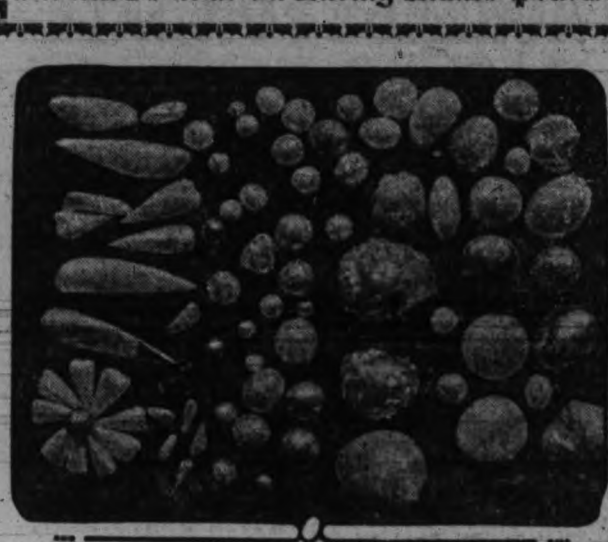
"On account of articles appearing in certain mining magazines and publications regarding Premier and its management, we have made a careful investigation and present herewith what we are informed to be the facts for the purpose of advising our clients as to the true condition so that they may not be misled by irresponsible gossip," he says. "It is well known that the control of Premier rests with the great Guggenheim interests and they have never been accused of paying any man a salary he was not worthy of and we do not know of any Guggenheim property that is badly handled. Dale L. Pitt, engineer and manager of the Premier, has had an honorable career in the mining world and that he is in charge of one of the greatest properties owned by the Guggenheims seems to be complete evidence of his ability as mining engineer and manager."

"We have made further investigations as to the question of Premier ore reserves being depleted. We are informed that nothing could be further from the facts; that diamond

drilling is being proceeded with and valuable ore bodies are being discovered almost daily. "It is stated that there is between three and four years supply of high grade ore at present known in the mine and diamond drilling will no doubt uncover further bodies of high grade ore." It is also stated that there are millions of tons of \$12 ore not even touched in the property and recently diamond drillers went through a large body of \$13 ore. This is the class of ore which goes through the mill and when concentrated is shipped to the smelter. "It is stated that the mill is now grinding an average of 2,500 tons per week and it is the intention of the management to further increase the milling capacity at a later date. We are informed that Premier can make a very satisfactory profit milling \$8 ore. We would also point out that the average value of Premier low-grade ore is 50 per cent. greater than the average ore in the Hollinger Mine. There appears to be no doubt that Premier is a great property and with the increase in the milling capacity will become greater than ever."

"High tribute has been paid to the value of B.C. Silver which adjoins Premier. It appears quite evident that B.C. Silver is a wonderful property but it must not be overlooked that Premier has in its Treasury nearly 40 per cent. of the stock of B.C. Silver which was purchased at a ridiculously low price."

Mollusk's War on Enemy Makes Pearls



By ARTHUR N. PACK

Pearls—from the priceless perfectly matched string down to the cheapest imitation—represent the universal craving for jewels.

Even the savage, biting into his raw clam and hurrying his teeth on the hard pearl, could not long resist the loveliness of its luster. We have proof that the pearl was of value at an early period in the fact that pearls have been found in the burial places of ancient man. They have assumed a progressively greater importance as civilization advanced.

Many fairy tales existed concerning the origin of the pearl is now understood and the former myths shattered. All true pearls are produced by the mollusk, the fresh water clams, the abalone and in a lesser degree

from all the other pearly shelled mollusks. Pearls, whether of value or without it, are the result of an effort on the part of the mollusk to seal up an enemy or an irritating substance that has found its way inside the shell.

The mollusk to overcome this undesirable parasite attempts to "lick" it up by secreting a shelly capsule around it, and if successful it kills the parasite that way.

But having once begun to secrete nacre, the "shiny substance" of the pearly shell, it can't stop and so it puts layer upon layer as thin as an onion skin around this nucleus and thus the pearl continues to grow until the mollusk dies, or some lucky fisherman captures the prize.

The irregular pearls or "baroque" are usually formed about a grain of sand. Perfect shape, size, uniform color and even luster are the criteria that determine the value of the pearl.

KIWANIS OFFICERS PLACED IN OFFICE

Installation Takes Place at Annual Banquet at Empress Hotel

Harold M. Diggon Assumes Duties as New President

Officers of the Victoria Kiwanis Club were formally installed last night at the annual banquet of the organization at the Empress Hotel. Harold M. Diggon, newly elected president, was presented with the chairman's gavel as insignia of office by Atwell D. King, vice-president of the club for 1936, and assumed the duties of his office. Kenneth Ferguson, district governor of Kiwanis, formally installed the president, and vice-president.

"It is a pleasure, as my last official duty, to participate and officiate at the installation of the officers of the Victoria Kiwanis Club," said Mr. Ferguson. "We approach the New Year with mixed feelings. The new officers appreciate the responsibilities and the honors which have been placed upon them, and they will recognize the high standard of efficiency set by their predecessors. By the end of the year I hope they will have convinced all the members of this, and further, will have given every Kiwanian cause to recognize their value."

Kiwanis, said Mr. Ferguson, was a great organization. It was the biggest service organization on the continent, boasting a membership of over 120,000. He mentioned the splendid growth of the international body and the strong calibre of its leaders.

There were many duties and responsibilities for the officers to assume, Mr. Ferguson asserted. The club should give them its best support for their task was no easy one. This responsibility was the more incumbent because the members were obligated to definite objectives in the coming year, he said.

PRESIDENT ELATED

President Diggon, rising to respond to Mr. Ferguson's address, remarked that like any other newly elected officer, he naturally felt a certain elation. This would wear off, he added, as soon as he accepted the responsibilities and worries of office. He would drop, he said, from the ethereal blue of imaginings to the bedrock of stern realities. He would have to work, he said, and he intended to.

"I hope," said Mr. Diggon, "that I shall be able to do justice to the trust placed in me."

Mr. Diggon drew attention to a letter of congratulation from J. E. Beatty, district governor of Rotary, in which was the assertion that the success of Rotary depended largely upon the success of Kiwanis, and that the interests of the two clubs were the same and their endeavors identical. He, for one, Mr. Diggon said, would do all in his power to co-operate through the coming year with Rotarians. He appreciated Mr. Beatty's sentiments.

In conclusion, Mr. Diggon said that his term in office would see a greater social activity in the club, and he called upon the ladies of Kiwanis to render all the assistance of which they were capable. The club needed them, he added.

OTHERS INSTALLED

Mark Graham, with elaborate foreword, installed the treasurer, Charles Pangman, and the district trustee, Dr. Howard Miller. In passing, he said, he would remind his hearers that everything in life had its foundation in thought, and he counselled all to endeavor to keep their thoughts on progressive lines and helpful matters.

Mr. King, chairman, installed the directors present. They were Walter Walker, A. E. Humphries, W. B. Hevercomb, William Norrington and Percy Waters. Len Griffiths and William Crawford were unavoidably absent.

Representatives of other service clubs present were Miss McGraw of the Kumtuku Club, and Archie Muir

and Archie Wills, president and vice-president respectively of the Gyro Club. The artists who contributed to the evening's entertainment were thanked by the chairman. Mrs. Mary Jamieson sang two charming numbers accompanied by Miss Dorothy Morton and Frank and Arthur Partridge contributed two duets, "Drink to Me Only" and "The World is Waiting For the Sunrise" with beauty of expression and skill.

Following the banquet the guests and members enjoyed dancing in the ballroom.



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THEATRICAL MEN OF NEW YORK WARNED

Must Cleanse Stages of Immorality Mayor's Ultimatum

New York, Dec. 29.—Theatrical producers of the Great White Way were told to-day that if their stages were not immediately cleansed of immorality with a theatrical broom, they would be scourged spotless with a legal scrubbing brush.

Summoned to city hall by Mayor Walker, the producers were told of numerous complaints concerning current attractions and were informed that they themselves could take the corrective measures if they acted quickly. Otherwise, they were told, the official censor would become an actuality, to stalk the playhouses with a critical eye and with the power of the law behind it.

All the prominent producers called in by the mayor attended the conference, except Sam H. Harris, who is in Connecticut. George M. Cohan came down from Monroe, N. Y., to listen to the mayor's ultimatum. Other producers present were Lee Shubert, Arthur Hopkins, William A. Brady, Daniel Frohman, Edgar Selwyn, David Belasco and John Golden.

WARM EXCHANGE OF COMPLIMENTS ENDS COUNCIL YEAR

Saanich Council Closes Year With Felicitations

Felicitations on a most harmonious year were exchanged by members of the Saanich Council at the conclusion of last night's session. Councillor Kirkham thanked Reeve Macneil for his courteous control of council debate, and wished his fellow councillors prosperity for the coming year.

STRESSES EXPERIENCE

Reeve Macneil recalled that his five years of municipal life had been full of interest. He had been strongly urged to run again, but considered that opportunity should be given councillors to attain the highest honor in the gift of the people of Saanich. He considered that the reeve should be selected from the council, as experience in current affairs was essential to the office of reeve.

PRESS THANKED

Councillors Crouch and Stubbs moved a vote of thanks to the press, the work of which was appreciated in Saanich ratepayers familiar with affairs being given strong approval.

SAANICH SUFFERS MONETARY LOSS BY HOUSING SCHEME

Interest on Forfeited Bonuses Now Totals \$860

The Soldiers' Housing Scheme came in for criticism by the Saanich Council last night, when a Provincial Government report was presented for nearly \$3,000, of which \$860.61 was for interest on reclaimed Provincial bonuses to returned soldiers who had failed to keep their homes.

Under the Housing Scheme the Province granted returned soldiers \$300 each toward the cost of their homes. When men fail to complete their purchases, the municipality wherein the houses are located loses this benefit. "When we make a loss the Government sees to it that the loss shall hurt, it adds to the amount to be paid on each house," the council was informed.

The council decided to allow the interest on these reimposed capital bonuses to continue to accumulate. There are at least seven cases in Saanich where soldiers have abandoned their contracts. Some of these date back to the earliest days of the scheme, 1919-20. Interest at five per cent on \$2,500 has accumulated to \$860.61 and in addition the capital payment due by Saanich Municipality is larger than the returned soldiers would have made to the Government.

Saanich Election Meetings Assigned

Election meetings called by the Saanich Council, for discussion of the work of 1936 and addresses by candidates will be as follows:

Thursday, January 6, Ward Seven, Tillamook School.
Friday, January 7, Ward Three, Tyndal Avenue Hall.
Monday, January 10, Ward One, St. Luke's Hall, Cedar Hill Cross Road.
Wednesday, January 12, Ward Five, Marigold Hall.
Wednesday, January 2, Ward Two, Royal Oak School.
Thursday, January 13, Ward Two, St. Mark's Hall.
Friday, January 14, Ward Six, Keating Hall.

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